Instructor: Dr. Stith
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Office: BUS 238
Office Hours: By e-mail or appointment.

Course Description (Technicalities):
This is a full-online course administered entirely through Blackboard. All assignments, including exams, will be administered and taken through Blackboard. Should you have any technical (computing) difficulties accessing the site, contact Campus Computing at itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu.

Course Description (Content):
This course will explore American history from human origins in North America to the end of Reconstruction. We will examine social, political, environmental, cultural, and military history and how each together shaped the course of American history.

Important Note:
I encourage you to meet with me regularly to discuss or clarify any material pertaining to this course—or to talk about American history in general. My job (and satisfaction) is as much to work with students on an individual basis as it is to lecture and facilitate discussion. Please keep this in mind throughout the semester.

Required Reading:
  - Any edition
  - ISBN: 978-0-312-42832-7
- Primary sources as assigned.

Quizzes:
There will be five quizzes including the final. Each quiz will consist of 20 multiple choice questions (worth one point each) and one essay (worth 10 points) for a total of 30. You will receive a study guide at least 24 hours prior to each quiz. The final quiz is not comprehensive. You will have 50 minutes to complete each quiz. You will have double time for the “Final” quiz.

Discussions:
There will be two graded discussions. Each graded discussion is worth 10 points. I will generally post discussion questions by Monday night of the week they are due.

Book Review:
Students will write a 3-5 page (double-spaced) book review of Tony Horwitz’s *A Voyage Long and Strange*. It is worth 30 points. A separate assignment sheet with detailed instructions will be posted on Blackboard well before the due date. The review is due at 5:00pm on Friday, August 15.

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1 Any edition will work—just make sure it’s volume 1.
Online Discussion/Posts Conduct:
Practice decorum and decency in all discussion posts and communication with fellow students and the instructor. More than one offense will result in possible dismissal from the class. For further reading on Internet decorum, I recommend that you take a look at the "Netiquette" Guide.

Make-Up Policy:
Every effort should be made to take quizzes and exams on time and complete all assignments by their due date. In cases of emergency (i.e., death in the family, serious illness, etc.), however, students will be allowed to make-up missed material at the discretion of the Instructor. Please contact me as soon as possible if you miss something for an emergency and we will work out the details.

Academic Honesty:
Cheating of any kind, including plagiarism, will result in immediate failure of the class and possibly further sanctions from the University of Texas at Tyler. Plagiarism, put simply, is using another’s work as your own without proper citation or usage. This includes everything from copying and pasting from the Internet to failing to cite an idea from another source that you put in your own words. I strongly recommend reviewing the university policy for cheating and academic dishonesty at the following website: http://www.uttyler.edu/judicialaffairs/

Schedule: (VERY IMPORTANT—KEEP THIS SCHEDULE HANDY)
- Week 1 (July 14-18)
  o Unit 1: A New World and the Beginnings of English America
  o Reading: Outline 1; Unit 1 Notes; Foner, Give Me Liberty!, Chaps. 1-3
  o Quiz 1, Friday, July 18
- Week 2 (July 21-25)
  o Unit 2: The Struggle for Empire and the American Revolution
  o Outline 2; Unit 2 Notes; Foner, Give Me Liberty!, Chaps. 4-6
  o Discussion 1, Thursday, July 24
  o Quiz 2, Friday, July 25
- Week 3 (July 28-August 1)
  o Unit 3: Founding a Nation and Securing a Republic
  o Outline 3; Unit 3 Notes; Foner, Give Me Liberty!, Chaps. 7-9
  o Quiz 3, Friday, August 1
- Week 4 (August 4-8)
  o Unit 4: Democracy, Slavery, and Reform
  o Outline 4; Unit 4 Notes; Foner, Give Me Liberty!, Chaps. 10-12
  o Discussion 2, Thursday, August 7
  o Quiz 4, Friday, August 8
- Week 5 (August 11-15)
  o Unit 5: Causes, Course, and Consequences of the Civil War
  o Outline 5; Unit 5 Notes; Foner, Give Me Liberty!, Chaps. 13-15
  o Horwitz Book Review Due by 5:00pm, Friday, August 15
  o Quiz 5 (Final), Friday, August 15

Important Dates:
| Quiz 1:          | Fri., July 18 |
| Quiz 2:          | Fri., July 25 |
| Quiz 3:          | Fri., August 1 |
| Quiz 4:          | Fri., August 8 |
| Book Review Due: | Fri., August 15 (5:00pm) |
| Quiz 5 (Final):  | Fri., August 15 |

Point Breakdown:
| Quiz 1:          | 30 pts |
| Quiz 2:          | 30 pts |
| Quiz 3:          | 30 pts |
| Quiz 4:          | 30 pts |
| Quiz 5:          | 30 pts |
| Graded Discussions: | 2x10 pts =20 pts |
| Book Review:     | 30 pts |
| Total Points Possible: | 200 pts |
Students Rights and Responsibilities
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www2.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.
Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.
The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:
- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).
Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.