

Clarendon College  
Liberal Arts Division  
History Department

1301 American History  
Spring Mini Semester 2019

**Course Syllabus**

**Meeting Time:** Spring Mini Semester 2019

**Meeting Place:** Online via Moodle Rooms

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Course Messages: This is the preferred and suggested method.

**Course Description:**

HIST 1301 United States History I

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government.

**Statement of Purpose:**

This course partially satisfies the requirements for the state of Texas core curriculum requirements, and the requirements for the Associate Degree at Clarendon College.

**Required Text:**

Tindall, George B. & Shi, David E., *America: A Narrative History*. Tenth ed. Vol. 1 Published by W.W. Norton & Co., 2016.

## **Methods of Instruction:**

This course centers upon reading of the course text and other course materials. Since there is no face-to-face discussion or participation, it is imperative for the student to read and review course materials regularly and maintain a high level of self involvement in the course.

## **Core Objectives**

In accordance with recommendations from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, all American History courses at Clarendon College will address the following core objectives:

- Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
  - This will be measured throughout the Unit Discussions and Document Analysis.
- Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
  - This will be measured throughout the Unit Discussions.
- Personal Responsibility - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
  - This will be measured throughout the Quizzes and Critical Reading Activities.
- Social Responsibility: to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global.
  - This will be measured throughout the Quizzes and Critical Reading Activities.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
  - a. Assesses CT, COM, PR, and SR with a term paper
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
  - a. Assesses CT with document analysis exercises.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.
  - a. Assesses CT, COM, PR, and SR with same term paper as LO 1.

## **Grading Policies:**

The final semester grades will be figured as set in the current catalog:  
90-100 = A 80-89 = B 70-79 = C 60-69 = D 59 or Below = F

Grades will be calculated as follows:

- Chapter Quizzes (16) = 55% of final grade
- Guided Reading Exercises (16) = 15% of final grade
- Unit Discussions (4) = 15% of final grade
- Primary Source Analysis Exercises (16) = 10% of final grade
- Term Paper (1) = 5% of final grade

- Chapter Quizzes
  - Each chapter quiz should be taken after reviewing the respective learning resources. Each quiz will be timed. The time will be dependent upon the amount of questions in the respective quiz. The course text book and notes may be used during the quiz. However, there may not be enough time to search for each answer.
- Guided Reading Exercises
  - There will be a guided reading assignment for each chapter. This will consist of you reading the course text book and answering about 3-5 questions in no less than 20 words per question.
- Unit Discussions
  - Please answer at least three of the provided questions which appear in the link below in my initial post. Then, reply to at least three of your classmates with regards to the answers they provided. These replies should be focused upon the accuracy and completeness of answers and provide insight into the original question and the topic at hand. Replies should be 30-50 words in length and consist of substantially more than "I agree" or "Good Answer."
- Primary Source Analysis
  - Please summarize and analyze the provided documents. The summary of the document should be one to two sentences in length. The analysis should be four to five sentences in length and address things such as: Intent of the author, bias of the author, purpose of the document, use of the document for a researcher, and credibility of the document and author. Please label each response as Document 1 or Document 2. There will be no time limit on this assignment other than the weekly due date. There is a template listed under graded activities. It is labeled as Primary Source Template and it should be followed.
- Term Paper
  - Term Paper: A paper, 2-3 pages in length, will be written at some point throughout the semester. This paper will consist of choosing a historical event, summarizing and analyzing that event, arguing why it is important and then determining the personal and social responsibility associated with the event
- Final Exam: The "Final Exam" will be considered to be the Chapter Quiz in Chapter 16. This quiz will count the exact same as all the other quizzes. It will be available during the week of finals.

## Checking Your Grades:

Open your **Course Dashboard** and choose **Gradebook** to see your individual grades.

**Important!** You can see your current course grade on your Course Dashboard and at the bottom of your gradebook. Do not assume the course total is accurate until all assignments in the course have been graded. For instance, if you did not complete a graded activity, the course total/grade will not be accurate until I replace those uncompleted activities with zeros.

## **Class Participation and Attendance:**

As stated earlier, class participation and attendance is required and expected. It is vital for the education of the student as well as the other students for each student to participate in class discussions and to be involved in the learning process.

## **Online Attendance Policy**

Regular attendance is mandatory in all online courses. Specific activities will be identified each week or during each chapter that must be completed in order for students to be considered “in attendance.” Failure to complete these assignments can result in forfeiture of Financial Aid and failure of the class.

## **Required Enrollment Verification Activity:**

Students who fail to complete the Syllabus Agreement & Enrollment Verification Activity by the official census date may not be able to continue in the course. This could result in an F for the course and forfeiture of Financial Aid. The census date for this term can be found on the Academic Calendar located at the Inside CC link on Clarendon College’s home page.

**My Policy:** For this course, I will submit an attendance report each Monday morning. Students who are following the online attendance policy are marked "present." This status can be checked in your student portal. Students can be placed on academic probation or lose financial aid for chronic non-attendance.

**Withdrawal:** If you decide that you are unable to complete this course or that it will be impossible to complete the course with a passing grade, you may drop the course and receive a “W” on our transcript instead. Withdrawal from a course is a formal procedure that you must initiate. If you do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive a grade of “F” on your transcript. A student is permitted to drop a course if he/she obtains an official drop slip from the office and has the instructor sign the slip before the 12<sup>th</sup> class week. Remember, a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she will be charged triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, students in Texas may only drop a total of 6 courses throughout their entire undergraduate career. After the 6<sup>th</sup> course, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes.

## **Classroom Policies:**

### **Classroom Conduct**

Failure to comply with lawful direction of a classroom instructor is a disruption for all students enrolled in the class. Cheating violations include, but are not limited to: (1) obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion; (2) discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment

before it is given; (3) using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment ; (4) entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage; (5) taking an examination for another person; (6) completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person; (7) altering grade records; (8) using any unauthorized form of electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise; (9) Plagiarism. Plagiarism is the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own, an idea, expression, or production of another person without proper credit. Disciplinary actions for cheating in a course are at the discretion of the individual instructor. The instructor of that course will file a report with the Vice-President of Student Services when a student is caught cheating in the course, whether it be a work-force or academic course. The report shall include the course, instructor, student's name, and the type of cheating involved. Students who are reported as cheating to the Vice-President of Student Services more than once shall be disciplined by the Vice-President of Student Services. The Vice-President of Student Services will notify all involved parties within fourteen days of any action taken.

#### **American with Disabilities Act Statement:**

Clarendon College provides reasonable accommodations for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities. Should you require special accommodations, notify the Office of Student Services (806-874-3571 or 800-687-9737). We will work with you to make whatever accommodations we need to make.

#### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

<http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Student%20Services/StudentRightsResponsibilities.pdf>

#### **Dropping a Course:**

A student who is enrolled in a developmental course for TSI purposes may not drop his/her only developmental course unless the student completely withdraws from the college. A student may drop any other course with a grade of "W" any time after the census date for the semester and on or before the end of the 12th week of a long semester, or on or before the last day to drop a class of a term as designated in the college calendar. The request for permission to drop a course is initiated by the student by procuring a drop form from the Office of Student Services. (Refer to other policies concerning this issue in the current college catalog online.)

#### **Withdrawal from College:**

When a student finds it necessary to withdraw from school before the end of the semester, he or she should obtain a withdrawal form from the Office of Student Services. Students may also withdraw from the college by sending a written request for such action to the Registrar's Office. The request must include the student's signature, the student's current address, social security number and course information details. Students who withdraw after the census date for the semester and on or before the end of the 12th week of a long semester, or on or before the last day to drop a class of a term as designated in the college calendar will be assigned a grade of "W."

#### **Student Expectations and Guidelines:**

In addition to the previously stated expectations and guidelines, students are expected to adhere to the following:

- Students must routinely (4-5 times/week) log on to the course for updates and changes.
- Students are responsible for any technological requirements for utilizing an online class.
- Students will have some time based flexibility to complete assignments. However, it is vital for to the success of the student that course be completed in an organized manner and not rushed through towards the end of the availability period of the assignment.
- Communication with the instructor is necessary if there are questions or concerns that arise during the semester.

## **Class Outline**

### **History 1301 Course Schedule**

Note: Quizzes/Assignments listed below are graded, for the grade breakdown see the syllabus. Each of these items are due at the end of the week that they open. They will open on Monday and Close on Sunday at 11:55pm

Week 1: May 20-26:

#### **Unit 1: A Not-So-“New” World Ch. 1-4**

- Chapter 1: Quiz Due (Complete this activity to be considered "in attendance" this week), Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 2: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 3: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 4: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis, Unit 1 Discussion will open this week and will be due this week

#### **Unit 2: Building a Nation Ch. 5-7**

- Chapter 5: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 6: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 7: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis, Unit 2 Discussion will open this week and will be due this week

#### **Unit 3: An Expansive Nation Ch. 8-12**

- Chapter 8: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 9: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 10: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 11: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 12: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis, Unit 3 Discussion will open this week and will be due this week

#### **Unit 4: A House Divided and Rebuilt Ch. 13-16**

- Chapter 13: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 14: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 15: Quiz Due, Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis
- Chapter 16: Guided Reading, Primary Source Analysis, Unit 4 Discussion will open this week and will be due this week, Term Paper Due by 5/26 @ 11:55 pm.

\*\*\*\*Chapter 16 Quiz will open 5/29 and close 5/29.

Week 2: May 27-28:

- Chapter 16: Quiz Due (Complete this activity to be considered "in attendance" this week)
- \*\*\*\*Chapter 16 Quiz will open 5/29 and close 5/29.