



Course Syllabus: American History to 1865

Department of History

College of Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

HIST 1133

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Course Description

The instructor has designed this course to provide students with a basic understanding of the events and themes born out early colonization all the way to the Civil War. This course is in no way comprehensive due to the scope of the material, but critical thinking and analysis are paramount for this course. Students will be encouraged to think and thoughtfully discuss the various themes and events covered in class. In addition to providing a foundation of US History this course will help students critically analyze historical events.

Textbooks

Joseph L. Locke and Ben Wright, *The American Yawp*, vol. 1

<http://www.americanyawp.com/>

Student Handbook

Refer to: Student Handbook 2020-2021

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Grading

Assignments	Points
Quizzes	15%
Essays	15%
Exams	35%
Research Paper (Final)	35%

Grade	Points
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Exams

*This course includes four exams. They consist of doing identification of terms. You can use your notes, but you CANNOT use your book or other resources on the exam. Doing so will be considered cheating.

*There will be a Study Guide available before every test.

Essays

There are three essays analyzing primary sources. The purpose of this assignment is to read a primary source and draw conclusions using the evidence from the source.

Make Up Work/Tests

Students who miss class due to university-related activities will be able to make up exams and writing assignments. In cases of a doctor's excuse and/or a family death, other students will also be able to make up exams and writing assignments.

Midterm Progress Report

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. All students will receive this midterm progress report. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students' transcript, nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with the instructor.

Office Hours

Since I am also The Priddy Scholars Coordinator I am all over campus. If you need to discuss anything with me during the day **an appointment must be scheduled**. Email is the best way to get in touch with me.

Email

*Please send all emails to my email address: joshua.ysasi@msutexas.edu; emails sent to this address will be answered more efficiently.

Important Dates

Deadline to file for graduation: September 26th

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" October 24th

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

*Attendance is expected and will be taken into consideration if a student is close between letter grades. Official university absences will be excused. A student with more than four unexcused absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor.

*The instructor will not give out notes under any circumstances. Students are responsible for all missed information.

Instructor Class Policies

*Attendance requires more than being present in class. It means showing up prepared; contributing to class discussions; and exhibiting respect for classmates and the instructor.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state)

exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies: Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy: College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location. **Alcohol**

and Drug Policy: To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#) **Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Week or Module	Readings and other Assignments
Week 1 August 21-27	Chapter 1 Indigenous America Quiz Due 8/26
Week 2 August 28- September 3	Chapter 2 Colliding Cultures Quiz Due 9/2
Week 3 September 4-9	Chapter 3 British North America 9/5 Labor Day, No Class Quiz Due 9/8
Week 4 September 11-17	Chapter 4 Colonial Society Quiz Due 9/16
Week 5 September 18-24	Chapter 5 The American Revolution Quiz Due 9/23 Exam 1 9/23
Week 6 September 25- October 1	Chapter 6 A New Nation Quiz 9/30 Essay 1 Due 9/26
Week 7 October 2-8	Chapter 7 The Early Republic Quiz Due 10/7
Week 8 October 9-15	Chapter 8 The Market Revolution Quiz Due 10/14
Week 9 October 16-22	Chapter 9 Democracy in America Quiz Due 10/21 Exam 2 10/21
Week 10 October 23-29	Chapter 10 Religion and Reform Quiz Due 10/28
Week 11 October 30- November 5	Chapter 11 The Cotton Revolution Quiz Due 11/4
Week 12 November 6- 12	Chapter 12 Manifest Destiny Quiz Due 11/11
Week 13 November 13-19	Chapter 13 The Sectional Crisis Quiz Due 11/18 Exam 3 11/18
Week 14 November 20-26	Make Up Week/ Thanksgiving Break No class, unless we need this as a make up day. Essay 2 Due 11/22
Week 15 November 27- December 3	Chapter 14 The Civil War Exam 4 12/2
Week 16 December 4-10	Finals Week