

HISTORY 1302
U.S. HISTORY AFTER 1877
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 1302 is a survey of American history from Native American cultures to 1877. It will focus on the evolution of the economic, social/cultural and political institutions which define the development of the modern United States and its people. Although this course is built around historical events and processes, it is much more than a simple recitation of facts. Students will learn and apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills and will work with historical documents, maps and economic and demographic models.

History 1301 is an 16-week, 48 contact hour course which fulfills three hours of the state-mandated six-hour history requirement.

Prerequisites: must have passed English 1301.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a comprehensive introduction to the essential social/cultural, political, military and diplomatic elements of United States history before 1877.
2. To provide students with a thorough grounding in problem-solving and analytical thinking, particularly as they relate to American history.
3. To provide students with training in skills essential to success in a college/university and/or work environment.

Core Objectives

1. Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

2. Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication

3. Social Responsibility: to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

4. Personal Responsibility - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making Guidelines

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will evaluate historical developments in an essay.
2. Students will read primary source documents.
3. Students will analyze historical evidence by writing an analytical essay.
4. Students will explain the importance of chronology and how earlier ideas and events shaped later events.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Discuss the Age of Exploration
2. Explain Colonization
3. Identify the Causes and effects of the American Revolution
4. Explain the origins and impact of Slavery
5. Analyze the formation of the Republic
6. Summarize the effects of Expansion and Innovation
7. Explain Nationalism and Sectionalism
8. Discuss the Civil War
9. Evaluate the effects of Reconstruction

BOOKS

Required Text: Roark, *The American Promise*. Value 5th Ed., Vol. I.

Monograph: William Cronon, *Changes in the Land*. (Hill & Wang Pub.)

Harriet Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* (Several editions available)

Because the basic source of information for this course will be the Roark textbook, it is essential that you buy this text as soon as possible. Books should be available at the HCCS bookstore in the Learning Hub, Stafford. You can also buy this book online through the publisher (Bedford St. Martins) or sources like Amazon.com. I will also place a few copies on reserve in the Library in the Learning Hub.

The Cronon book will not be available through the bookstore. You will need to purchase it either online through Amazon.com or some other source; you may also find used copies at places like Half Price books. Using these sources, you should find that this book can be purchased at considerably lower cost than if purchased from the campus bookstore. You can also find it in most college and public libraries. I have also placed copies on reserve in the library at the Stafford Learning Hub.

The Jacobs book is available free online at Gutenberg.org and other online sources. You can find hard copies also at many bookstores.

Do not wait to buy these books. If you have any difficulty obtaining them, let me know as soon as possible.

EXAMS/ASSIGNMENTS

The final course grade will be based on the following elements:

1. Three major essay exams: 60%
2. Two book review essay: 40%

Each student will read the two (2) monographs listed above and write an 4-5 page directed essay on each. The first paper (*Changes in the Land*) is due **Thursday, March 10th**; the second (*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*) on **Tuesday, April 28th**. Each essay will count 20% of the final grade. Papers turned in late will have a letter grade deducted for each day late. **Failure to complete and turn in both papers will result in automatic failure of the course.**

GRADING

Your final grade will be based on the assignments cited above using the percentages indicated for each assignment.

Grading will follow the usual college standards (A=100-90; B=89-80; C+79-70, etc.) Grades will not be curved. There will be no extra credit assignments. Be sure to keep up with your grade average as the semester proceeds. If you have any questions about your grade situation, don't hesitate to ask me.

It is imperative that students keep up with their grades throughout the semester. If you make a low grade, it is strongly advised that you schedule a meeting to discuss it. If you miss a class when graded assignments are returned, it is your responsibility to pick up your graded work. If you have difficulty computing your grade using the percentages cited above, don't hesitate to ask for my help.

MAKE-UPS I will allow one make-up of a major exam provided you have contacted me as to why you must miss it. If you miss two major exams, you must drop the course.

ATTENDANCE

Regular class attendance is critical to success in this class. Essay questions on the major exams will rely heavily on lectures and discussion held during our regular class meetings.

Because this is a college course and you are adults, I expect that you can make up your own minds about attendance. Although I do keep track of who attends regularly and who does not, I will not withdraw you from the class because of nonattendance. However, you should keep in mind that you are responsible for any and everything that happens during the class period, including announcements, assignments, exams and lecture material. If you miss a class, it's up to you to acquire the appropriate information and material concerning what you missed.

International students, veterans, and those on financial aid should be fully aware of the grade and minimum hours policies affecting your situation. In particular, pay attention to the

rules regarding withdrawal (“W”) from a course. Once a “W” is officially recorded it will not be changed to another grade regardless of circumstances.

TARDINESS

Classes will start on time. If you are more than 15 minutes late that will concern me greatly. Consistent tardiness will result in a conference and possibly a lower grade. Some of the most important information in any class is given during the first 5 to 10 minutes. Frequent tardiness is one of the most significant indicators of poor performance in college. If you have to be late, please enter the classroom as unobtrusively as possible and let me know after class why you were late.

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited by HCCS policy and the rules of this class. Plagiarism is the use of the ideas or words of another person (either in whole or in part) without crediting the source. Plagiarism amounts to the theft of another person’s work and its appropriation as one’s own. If you aren’t clear as to what constitutes plagiarism, turn in a draft of your paper before the due date so that I can review it and you can make corrections if necessary. Cheating involves fraud and deception for the purpose of violating legitimate testing rules. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: copying from another student’s test paper; using, during a test, materials not authorized by the instructor; collaborating with another student during a test; knowingly using, buying, selling, etc. whole or part of an unadministered test. Any questions about academic dishonesty should be referred to the Student Conduct section of the College System catalogue.. **Violations of this policy can result in automatic failure of the course and/or expulsion from the college.**

DISABILITY POLICY

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the Disability Support Service Counselor, Dr. Becky Hauri (713 718-7909) at the beginning of the semester. Faculty members are authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS). Students who are requesting special testing and other accommodations must first contact that office.

Sex/Gender Discrimination

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires that institutions have policies and procedures that protect student’s rights with regard to sex/gender discrimination. Information regarding these rights are on the HCC website under Students-Anti-Discrimination. Students who are pregnant and require accommodations should contact any of the ADA Counselors for assistance.

It is important that every student understands and conforms to respectful behavior while at HCC. Sexual misconduct is not condoned and will be addressed promptly. Know your rights and how to avoid these difficult situations.

Log in to www.edurisksolutions.org Sign in using your HCC student email account, then go to the button at the top right that says **Login** and enter your student number.

ONLINE ACCESS and RESOURCES

Roark, *The American Promise*, contains a variety of study aids keyed to the text. The resources at this site are free. You can reach this site at:

http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/roark5e/#t_747795. You will have to register as a new student, but, again, it's free. You can obtain premium access by purchasing a card, but I don't think you really need to do that.

ONLINE TUTORING

HCC offers an excellent resource for tutoring and for writing papers – AskOnline. You can access it at <http://hccs.askonline.net>. Turn-around time for receiving help on papers is usually 18-24 hours, so you should plan on submitting papers for help well before they are due. Visit the AskOnline website for details and further information.

CLASS ROUTINE

The factual basis for this class will be the text – Roark, *The American Promise* – and the class lecture notes for each unit. Therefore it is essential that students keep up with weekly reading assignments (see Calendar below) and attend class. To assist you, I have created a study guide for the text that breaks down each chapter in terms of important events and concepts and cites key terms, names and the like. Additionally, the study guide provides broad summary or focus questions.

Each of the three major essay exams will each contain at least two major essay questions based on the material and assignments covered in class assignments for that period of the class.

SUGGESTED STUDY ROUTINE:

1. Read over the Study Guide for a chapter before beginning the chapter so that you are familiar with the important topics and questions and the most important names, terms and concepts.
2. As you read, underline parts of the chapter that answer or explain questions and topics identified in the Study Guide and/or identify key names, terms and concepts and take good notes.
3. If there is supplemental material presented for a unit – lectures, outlines, etc – read that material carefully. The lectures follow the Study Guide, but in some cases provide more detailed information. Again, underline and take notes.
4. Take good notes in class. The fact that I go over a topic in class is an indication that it is important. You should definitely be prepared to know anything that I write on the board.
5. The biggest single source of problems in passing this course is failure to answer the essay questions in the major exams. Prepare ahead of time. Don't wait until the day before the exam. If you have questions, ask the professor for clarification or explanations.

HISTORY 1301 Calendar and Assignments

Important Dates:

February 18th: First Essay Exam

March 10th: Book Paper over Cronon, *Changes in the Land*

March 31st: Second Essay Exam

April 28th: Book Paper over Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*
May 10th/14th: Third Essay Exam

Week One (January 19th)

1. Course Introduction and Introduction
2. Text: Roark, Chpt. 1

Topics:

- Origins of the “Native Americans”
- Diversity and examples of Native American cultures.

Week Two (January 26th)

1. Text: Roark, Chpts. 2-3

Topics:

- European discovery and exploration of the New World
- Founding and settlement of England’s Southern colonies.

Week Three (February 2nd)

2. Text: Roark, Chpts. 4-5

Topics:

- The Northern and Middle Colonies
- Life in England’s 17th century colonies.

Week Four (February 9th)

1. Text: Roark, Chpts. 6-7

Topics:

- The Path to Revolution
- The War for Revolution

Week Five (February 16th)

First major exam covering material and assignments in Chpts. 1-7

Week Six (February 23rd)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 8

Topics:

- The Articles of Confederation
- The Convention and Constitution of 1787

Week Seven (March 1st)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 9

Topics:

- Creating a new government: the Washington administration
- Politics and the new nation: Adams, Hamilton and Jefferson

Week Eight (March 8th)

Book Review: Cronon, *Changes in the Land*

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 10

Topics:

- Jefferson and the Presidency
- The War of 1812
- From Monroe to John Quincy Adams

Spring Break (March 15th)

No Classes.

Week Nine (March 22nd)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 11

Topics:

- Transportation and the economic revolution
- Andrew Jackson and the Second American revolution
- The Second Great Awakening and American reform

Week Ten (March 29th)

Second Major Exam over Chpts 8-11

Week Eleven (April 5th)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 12

Topics:

- The railroads and economic growth
- Manifest Destiny and western expansion
- Social reform movements 1800-1850

Week Twelve (April 12th)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 13

Topics:

- Slavery and its impact on the Southern economy and society
- The life of slaves in the Antebellum South
- Slavery and the yeoman farmer in the South.
- Slave owners and Southern politics.

Week Thirteen (April 19th)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 14

Topics:

- The Crisis of the 1850's
- The Election of 1860
- Secession and creation of the Confederacy

Week Fourteen (April 26th)

Book Review: Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 15

Topics:

- The Civil War
- Lincoln's assassination

Week Fifteen (May 3rd)

1. Text: Roark, Chpt. 16

Topics:

- The plans for Reconstruction
- Reconstruction and the South
- The end of Reconstruction

Week Sixteen (May 10th)

Final Exam over Chpts. 12-16