



HIST 1301-301CL

United States History I

Fall 2023

M-F

Instructor Information

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Course Communication –ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. eterrell@com.edu

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Course Information

Required Textbook: Online textbook - American Yawp <https://www.americanyawp.com/>. A hard print can be purchased in the COM bookstore.

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Description: 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, creation of the federal government. You will have a variety of resources to help you stay informed.

Determination of Grade

Course Requirements: This is a course that requires the student to attend lectures. Each lecture contains material that is not available in the textbook, material that the student is responsible for and will be tested upon. Rigorous note taking and studying of lecture notes is expected if the student is to succeed. Students are also expected to read all textbook assignments and will complete key terms for each chapter- these CANNOT be turned in electronically. Students will write an argument paper. All students are expected to actively engage in class activities and discussions. An extra component includes researching a topic in history and presenting their findings to the class (oral presentation). There will be various primary source readings that are assigned to be evaluated. **Points will be deducted for sleeping and playing on phones.**

- **Exams** - a series of 5 exams- comprised of objective and/or essay questions. (50%)
- **Oral Presentation**– (10%) oral presentation. Each student will present a 3-5 minute presentation of their research topic to the class. Process paper and annotated bibliography will be turned in to assess research.

- **Argument Paper** (10%) Will be completed after participating in a Structured Academic Controversy
- **Daily grades/quizzes** - consisting of attendance, discussions, in class activities and reading assignments (20%) Note All phones have an assigned place in my classroom - please comply. I will drop the two lowest scores. There is no make-up of quizzes
- **Comprehensive final** (10%)

Grading Scale Grading scale

- A (90% - 100% average)
- B (80% - 89% average)
- C (70 % - 79% average)
- D (60% - 69% average) - note a D is a failing grade for the high school
- F (59 or below)

DUAL CREDIT

I turn in letter grades to COM. These are your college credit grades. Please note that DHS then transfers those numbers into a numerical grade – an A becomes 95, B becomes 85, C becomes 75, D becomes 65, F becomes 55. Note a D does NOT earn you high school credit.

Reading Assignments:

Primary source documents will be available on brightspace and I provide hard copies. These are due at the beginning of class or you may turn in earlier electronically. Turning in at the end of class or later in the day will result in points being deducted. The following is a grade rubric for primary source readings:

Below Expectations summary does not demonstrate an understanding of the topic; information is inaccurate or incomplete; poorly written, or is a copy from another students work.

Meets Expectations Summary demonstrates an understanding of the topic; has no grammatical errors and is well written.

Exceeds Expectations (Summary demonstrates and exceptional understanding of the topic; exceptionally well written.

Argument Paper – Each student will be responsible for a 3-4 page, typed, double spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman, cited paper. You must use THREE primary documents. After completing a Structured Academic Controversy, students will write a well structured argument paper. I have attached a guide sheet to aid you in completing your paper, with specific due dates. Students may want to take a draft of their paper to the Speaking, Reading and Writing Center for their assistance in citations, avoiding plagiarism, organization and thesis.

Oral Presentation: This class includes oral communication in its curriculum as part of College of the Mainland's Quality Enhancement Plan. Each student will present a 3-5 minute presentation of their research topic to the class. You may use two notecards when you present. You will also create a "movie poster" to compliment your presentation. This must use visual imagery and be limited to 10 words.

Each student will be graded on

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| ○ Verbal Communication The speaker demonstrates the ability to express their ideas verbally using expressive, accurate and appropriate language | 20 points |
| ○ Nonverbal Communication - The speaker uses appropriate presentation techniques (i.e. maintains eye contact, modulates voice, demonstrates appropriate pacing, uses appropriate gestures, etc.) | 20 points |
| ○ Content - The speaker demonstrates understanding of the topic by utilizing properly cited facts, examples, and other forms of support - shows research! | 20 points |

- Poster - the poster is visually neat and well organized to aid plans, a well-organized logical oral presentation ,20 points
- Annotated bibliography 20 points
- Process Paper 10 points

Extra Credit Work: For each test you may bank up to 10 bonus points by completing a video analysis. The video list is attached and also available on D2L. Quality summaries may earn up to ten points, sloppy or plagiarized work may earn 0. In the event of a low test grade, a book critique may be used as an alternative assessment, with the instructor's approval.

Other extra credit may be given throughout the semester. Best plan of action is to complete assignments ON TIME!.

Make-Up Work: General policy is to pay attention to your syllabus. I will post a calendar on the class board to help you stay up with due dates. I generally do not allow make-up of multiple choice tests. I will change the multiple choice portion to a completely written/oral exam. You will need to arrange a time afterschool. If you know in advance that you will be missing a test due to a school event or other conflict, you may discuss options with me.

Late Work: Record your DUE dates! Assignments are due when they are listed on the syllabus. There is no excuse for not turning in an assignment on time. You may electronically turn in your assignment if you are not in attendance. An assignment is considered late if it is not turned in at the beginning of the class period. Turning in work at the end of the class or after school, will result in a 20% penalty. See me if you know you will be missing class for an extended time.

Student Learner Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course students will:

Table Mapping SLO's, Core Objectives and Assignments

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this assignment
Create an argument through the use of historical evidence	Critical Thinking Skills	Argument paper
Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources	Critical Thinking Skills	Primary readings and paper
Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural and global forces on this period of US history	Critical Thinking Written communication	Exams, quizzes and essays
Develop, interpret and express ideas on a History 1301 related topic	Written, Oral and Visual Communication	process paper and presentation
Demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities	Social responsibility	Primary readings and written evaluations
Evaluate personal choices and actions of others or one's own, and relate consequences to decision making	Personal responsibility	Assignment

Academic Dishonesty: All students are expected to maintain high levels of ethical behavior. Academic dishonesty, such as, cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a grade of zero on that exam and the student will be referred to the office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

Concerns & Questions Statement: Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Department Chair, Shinya Wakao at 409-933-8107 or swakao@com.edu.

Course Outline: Schedule - This schedule is tentative and subject to change – regular attendance will assure you keep up with any alterations in the schedule

Important Dates

Sept 4th – no class

Sept 8th - Test 1 - ch 1, 2 and 3

Sept 11th – sign up begins

September 21st – Test 2 chapter 4-5

Oct 6th – Test 3 – 6-8

Oct 17th - Bring typed annotated bibliography - we will correct and work on in class

November 2nd – Argument paper

Oct 27th - Test 4 ch 9-11

November 28^h – W-day – this is the last day to withdraw from the course

Nov 17th – Test 5 ch 12-14

Dec 13th - Comprehensive Final!!! Focus on 15 and 17

Course Policies & Guidelines

Attendance : Students are expected to attend class regularly. There is a clear and direct correlation between attendance and success in the classroom. In the event of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to acquire lecture notes from a classmate.

Tardiness : This class begins promptly at the scheduled time. Being late to class not only disrupts the class, it has a detrimental impact on the student's performance, as they miss lecture material. Excessive tardiness - defined as three - will result in the loss of participation points. Please strive to be punctual!

Withdrawal : After students have registered and paid for courses they are considered enrolled until the Records Office has received an official withdrawal. Continued non-attendance does not automatically terminate enrollment in the course and will result in a failing grade. Last day to drop the course is November 18th.

Student Success Tips!

1. **Come to EVERY class.**
2. **Pay attention in class.**
3. **Take detailed notes.**
4. **Study lecture notes**
5. **Use the study guide**
6. **Read the textbook carefully**
7. **Use the book website for additional useful tools**
8. **Come see me for help! Don't wait until the last minute.**
9. **Believe me – I want you to succeed!**

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2023-2024_v2.pdf. *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

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Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is October 11. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is November 28. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is December 7.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click [here](https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/) <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is using someone else's words or ideas and claiming them as your own. Plagiarism is a serious offense. Plagiarism includes paraphrasing someone else's words without giving proper credit or a citation, and copying directly from a website and pasting it directly into your paper, without using quotation marks. Any assignment containing plagiarized material will receive a grade of zero and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action. When in doubt – cite!

Links to resources about avoiding plagiarism : <http://www.com.edu/on-site-services/speaking-reading-writing-center.php>

NOTE: If for any reason the college closes, continue to work on the assignments spelled out in your syllabus and/or refer to the college's website for Emergency Closing Assignments and further instructions.

Oral Presentation and the Process Paper

College of the Mainland's QEP topic is "Find Your Voice at COM: Oral Communication Across the Curriculum." Based on a two-year selection process, oral communication was chosen because employers cited oral communication as one of the top skills they seek from college graduates, while data indicated that this skill was not emphasized in College of the Mainland courses.

As a result of the QEP implementation, not only will our students gain confidence in their speaking skills but they also will be able to communicate their ideas in a clear, effective manner appropriate to their audiences. This, in turn, will enhance their ability to compete successfully in the workplace.

Student Learner Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to express their ideas verbally using expressive, accurate and appropriate language.
2. Students will use appropriate presentation techniques (i.e., maintain eye contact, modulate voice, demonstrate appropriate pacing, use appropriate gestures, etc.)
3. Students will demonstrate understanding of the topic by utilizing properly cited facts, examples and other forms of support.
4. Students will plan, prepare and deliver a well-organized, logical oral presentation.
5. Students will demonstrate a statistically significant decrease in their communication apprehension on a measure of communication apprehension.

Paper guidelines:

Think of this as not a report, but an explanation of how you prepared for your project. You may write in the first person – actually encouraged.

Paragraph 1 – Why did you choose your topic? Why is the topic important to you?

Next several paragraphs - Explain your process – Where did you go to research? What sources were the most helpful? Remember you need **at least THREE primary sources**, and one scholarly article. Did you have any difficulties in researching? How did you overcome them?

Paragraph 4 - How did you decide to present your research? Why? Problems encountered?

Paragraph 5 – What did you really learn? Why is your topic important? Did you learn anything about yourself?

Annotated bibliography is required and needs to be attached to your paper

Include a citation for all sources used and include 3-4 sentences explaining sources significance. Separate primary and secondary. Identify it as a song, article, video etc. Include why the source is relevant to your topic. Format preference is Chicago Manual Style.

– Example book

Morris, Edmund. *Theodore Rex*. New York: Modern Library, 2001.

This biography of Theodore Roosevelt helped me understand the way in which Philippe Bunau Varilla was able to get President Roosevelt to recognize the revolutionary government of Panama. It also gave me details regarding the specific treaties signed between the two nations that gave the U.S. control of the canal zone.

http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html can help you.