



**History 1301: Section 305**  
**United States History I**  
**Fall 2023**  
**7:35am – 8:55am, Monday and Wednesday**

**Professor Information**

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**Remind 101** (Students may text the professor through Remind 101)

- Text to: 81010
- In the message area, type your class code: @2324dualcr

**Classroom Location:**

Santa Fe High School, Room G 105 on Monday/Wednesday. We will meet from 7:35am - 8:55am on each day.

**Office Hours:**

The professor will be available for assistance in room G105. The professor's office hours are on Mondays from 2:45pm – 3:15pm and on Fridays from 7am – 9am.

**Required Textbook:**

We will use the textbook from American Yawp. This will be for History 1301 and 1302. There are a variety of resources found on <https://www.americanyawp.com/>

**Course Description:**

History 1301 is 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 the creation of the federal government.

**Course requirements:**

**Exams:**

There will be four exams throughout the semester. The exam will cover material from the textbook and class discussion. The format of the test will include multiple choice, true/false and matching. The professor reserves the right to have essays on the test. Students will take the test in person (not online). **Students will be required to have a pencil and a scantron for your test.** No cell phones, notes, computers, or books will be allowed during test. **If a student is absent for an exam, they are required to contact the professor within 24 hours, or the exam will be a zero. Contracting the Professor means one of the**

**following ways: in person, email or through remind 101. Students will be required to show documentation of why they missed the exam upon returning to the first class back. Make-up Exams must be taken within one week of the original test unless authorized by the professor to take it later than a week.** Make-up exams will only be given upon reviewing individual situations and will ONLY be at the discretion of the professor. Makeup exams may be in different format under the discretion of the professor but must cover the same information. Students are not allowed to retake a test (that is different than make up a test). Students who are NOT exempt from the final and fail to take the final exam will receive a zero for the final exam grade. Reviews for exams will be based on schedule permitting. However, the professor does not have to give a review. Your final exam will not be a cumulative final. See the schedule for details of what chapters will be on the final exam. **If you are REQUIRED to take the final exam, your quiz average cannot be used for the final exam.** See handouts “How to Determine Final Exam Exemptions,” “How to Determine Semester Average” and “Project/Paper Presentation Requirements” for more details

### **Presentations:**

There will be one presentation assignment for this course. For the presentation, you are required to turn in a variety of things. Please refer to the handout over the presentation requirements for the project/paper. Make-up of Presentation of projects/papers will not be permitted unless extreme circumstances occur which will be approved by the professor.

### **Responsibility Paper: Critical Thinking, Social Responsibility, Personal Responsibility, Communication**

Students will pick a person or movement that fits into the time period of HIST 1301 (U.S. History up to 1877). Students will write a two-page typed paper on the Social and Personal Responsibility of the subject. The student must include a paragraph in their paper discussing the social and personal responsibility of the individuals involved. Students will use primary and secondary sources for their papers. You must include a works cited page. This is to make sure you choose a topic that falls into the scope of this class. **See the handout of details for this assignment.**

### **Homework:**

Students are expected to read each assigned chapter each week. Generally, in college: A student spends 3 hours for every hour in class. For a three-hour course (such as History), most students spend about 7-9 hours per week studying and preparing for class. Students are expected to read and prepare prior to coming to class. This will lead to class discussions and a better understanding of the chapters.

### **Quizzes**

As a general rule, there will be weekly quizzes for our course. Students will be expected to take quizzes for the chapters discussed each week. Each quiz is worth 10 points. There is a total of 10 quizzes. We will have our weekly quizzes on the second day of our course prior to the class ending. However, the professor does reserve the right to conduct the quiz during any part of the class time if the professor deems it necessary. Students will be required to have a pencil and a scantron for your quiz. Quizzes will include multiple choice, true/false and matching. No cell phones, notes, computers, books etc will be allowed

during the quizzes. Students will be allowed to take one make up quiz per semester. A make-up quiz is because you were absent the day of the quiz and would like to take it for the first time. **Make up quizzes must be conducted on Friday of the assigned week unless prior permission from the professor.** A redo is not allowed. A redo is when a student fails and would like to take the quiz again. Students will be expected to only take make-up quiz the week they returned to class. If a student is in the hospital and provides documentation, the student will be able to make up two quizzes (only if the quizzes are missed while the student is in the hospital). If a student is quarantined due to COVID and provides documentation, the student will be able to make up two quizzes (only if the quizzes are missed during the student’s quarantine). Any further quizzes missed due to COVID may be made up based on the professor’s discretion. **If a student missed a quiz due to school activity, documentation must be provided from a leader of the school activity.** At the end of the semester, you will add up all your quiz points (up to 100 points). **Quiz average cannot replace a test grade on a test that had not previously been taken.** The quiz average cannot replace the final exam grade if the student is required to take the final exam. There are three options that your quiz average will assist you. Quizzes cannot replace a project/paper grade or a test grade if the student does not attend class on a regular basis throughout the entire semester. See handout “How to Determine Final Exam Exemptions” for details.

**Grading Formula**

Assignment	Percent	Points
Test I	20%	100 points
Test II	20%	100 points
Test III	20%	100 points
Test IV (Final Exam)	20%	100 points
Presentation	20%	100 points

Grade Average	Grade Letter
100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
Below 60	F
Failed due to excessive absences	FN

**Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy:**

Late Work and make up work will not be allowed unless a student provides medical documentation, and it is deemed by the professor to be the reason late work will be accepted. Extra Credit may be given per the professor’s discretion. If extra credit is given, the points will be added to the lowest test grade or a designated test. Extra credit may not be given to the presentation grade.

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance will be taken in this course – both for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period class time. During class time, the professor will pass around a sign-in sheet. Each student will initial by their name on the appropriate date. If a student misses a class, it is the student’s responsibility to find out what material was discussed and to make up for any missed assignments. Students must contact the professor within 24 hours on test/presentation days if not attending class.

**Communicating with your instructor:**

ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email (Not Santa Fe ISD). Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. Students will be able to communicate with the professor through email and Remind 101. The professor checks both regularly and can communicate back with students. I have available office hours for students to discuss concerns about the course.

<b>Student Learner Outcome</b>	<b>Maps to Core Objective</b>	<b>Assessed via this Assignment</b>
Create an argument using historical evidence.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Paper
Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Paper
Analyze the effects of historical, social, and political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Quizzes and Exams
Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a history 1301-related topic through written communication.	Communication Skills (CS1)	Paper
Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a history 1301-related topic through oral communication.	Communication Skills (CS2)	Oral Presentation Assignment
Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a history 1301-related topic through visual communication.	Communication Skills (CS3)	Oral Presentation Assignment
Students will demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.	Social Responsibility (SR)	Paper
Evaluate choices and actions of others or one’s own and relate consequences to decision-making.	Personal Responsibility (PR)	Paper

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Academic Dishonest will not be allowed. Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams – is an extremely serious offense and will result in a grade of zero on the exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action.

**Plagiarism Policy:**

Plagiarism is using someone else’s words or ideas and claiming them as your own. Plagiarism is a very serious offense. Plagiarism includes paraphrasing someone else’s words without giving proper citation, copying directly from a website and pasting it into your paper, using someone else’s words without quotation marks. Any assignment containing any plagiarized material will receive a grade of zero and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action. Consider visiting COM’s Writing Center for guidance when preparing assignments.

**Classroom Etiquette:**

Respect will be giving for all people. This includes opinions of professors, students, and guest. This includes when there is any format of lesson being conducted rather formally from the professor or

indirectly from another resource (for example but not limited to audio/visual.) While students are always encouraged to engage in class discussion, any lack of respect will result of the student being removed from the classroom for the class period or multiple periods depending on the level of issue. This will be done with no warning. Cell phones and other mobile communication including ear buds are to be turned off or on silent mode and put away throughout the class period. Cell phones should not be visible during class time. If students need to have non-related to class conversations with each other, they are to step out of the classroom to do so. Students are expected to be an active learner by interacting with professor and students during class discussions, audio/visual aid shown in class.

**Student Concerns:**

**If students have any questions or concerns about the class, students should speak to the professor first.** If students continue to have concerns or questions after speaking to the professor, students are to contact Dr. Wakao. He is the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department Head at COM. His contact information is 409-933-8107 or [swakao@com.edu](mailto:swakao@com.edu) Dr. Wakao can assist students on what department or person may need to be contacted to handle any additional concerns or questions.

**Academic Freedom Statement:**

The professor reserves the right to adjust/alter the course and its documents – as required (in the professor’s judgment) to ensure the achievement of desired student outcomes.

**M/W History 1301 Dual Credit COM Class Schedule (All Dates may be subject to change)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapters covered</b>	<b>Assessment given</b>
Aug. 28/30, 2023	Introduction of History 1301 Class/Syllabus discussion Project/paper information	<b>Quiz # 1: Course information quiz</b>
Sept. 4, 2023	SFHS/COM Closed: Labor Day	<b>None</b>
Sept. 6, 2023	Chapter 1/2	<b>** See Note below</b>
Sept 11/13, 2023	Chapter 3/4	<b>Proposal for project/paper due</b> <b>Quiz # 2: Chapter 3</b> <b>Quiz # 3: Chapter 4</b>
Sept. 18/20, 2023	Test One	<b>Test One: Chapters 1-4</b>
Sept. 25, 2023	SFHS Closed. COM Open.	
Sept. 27, 2023	Chapter 5/6	<b>** See Note below</b>
Oct.2/4, 2023	Chapter 7/8	<b>Quiz # 4: Chapter 7</b> <b>Quiz # 5: Chapter 8</b>
Oct. 9, 2023	SFHS Closed. COM Open	
Oct. 11, 2023	Test Two	<b>Test Two: Chapters 5-8</b>
Oct. 16/18, 2023	Project/Paper Presentation	<b>Project/Paper Presentation:</b> 1. Assignment                      4. Learning Summary 2. Presentation                    5. Work cited/sources. 3. Cover sheet                    6. Peer Review
Oct. 23/25, 2022	Chapter 9/10	<b>Quiz # 6: Chapter 9</b> <b>Quiz # 7: Chapter 10</b>
Oct. 30, 2023 Nov. 1, 2023	Chapter 11	<b>Quiz # 8: Chapter 11</b>
Nov. 6/8, 2023	Chapter 12	<b>Quiz # 9: Chapter 12</b>
Nov. 13/15, 2023	Test Three	<b>Test Three: Chapters 9-12</b> <b>ABC book Extra Credit Due (optional)</b>
Nov. 20/22, 2023	SFHS Closed: Nov. 20 – 24 COM Closed: Nov. 22 - 24	<b>None</b>
Nov. 27/29	Chapter 13	<b>History Responsibility Writing Assignment Due (Required) ** Counts as Quiz #10**</b> No quiz on Chapter 13
<b>Nov. 28, 2023</b>	<b>Drop Deadline For Classes</b>	
Dec. 4/6, 2023	Chapter 14 <b>Student Grade Summary</b>	<b>Discussion Questions Due (optional)</b>
Dec. 11/13, 2023	Test Four (Final Exam)	<b>Final Exam: Chapters 13 – 14</b>

\*\* M/W class has a couple of weeks throughout the semester that will not meet both days in class due to SFHS being closed. On these weeks, the M/W class will only meet one day. The professor will record the remaining chapter discussion and upload it to D2L. Students will be responsible for listening to the recording and be prepared for any test that will cover that material in future requirements. There will not be an official quiz on these chapters but will be on the test.

## **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](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](mailto:klachney@com.edu). The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

### **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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>. 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](mailto:deanofstudents@com.edu) or [communityresources@com.edu](mailto:communityresources@com.edu).