



Richland College
History 1301.83015
Spring 2018
Social Sciences Division
Course Meeting Dates: January 16-May 10, 2018
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Course Information

United States History I

This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Core Curriculum course selected by the colleges of DCCCD.

Prerequisites: One of the following must be met: (1) DREA 0093 AND DWRI 0093; (2) English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 AND 0054; or (3) have met Texas Success

Initiative (TSI) in Reading and Writing standards AND the college Writing score prerequisite requirement.

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 the 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.

Core Objectives: These skills are introduced and reinforced throughout the core curriculum.

- Critical Thinking Skills - include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- Communication Skills - include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- Personal Responsibility - include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
- Social Responsibility - include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

Course Materials:

No special materials are required except for one Scantron form 882-E, for taking the Final Exam.

Required Textbook: Davidson, Delay & Heyman, *U.S.: A Narrative History: Special Texas Edition, Volume I* (McGraw Hill Publishers, 2015); ISBN: 9781259885737

Methods of Evaluation:

SELF-STUDY EXAM

- During the first week of the course, students will watch all or part of three online documentaries, outside of class, and then take an exam on **CANVAS**. Links are provided in the “Student Study Aids” section of the professor’s website.
- The self-study exam counts for ten-percent (10%) of your course grade.

COURSE CONTENT EXAMS:

- Four course-content exams will be taken on **CANVAS** at regular intervals during the semester. Each online exam counts for ten percent (10%) of your course grade, for a total of forty percent (40%).
- Each online exam consists of 50 mostly multiple-choice questions, which must be completed at one sitting and within a time limit of 1 hour, by the deadline date(s) shown in the course calendar.
- There will also be a comprehensive Final Exam, consisting of 100 mostly-multiple choice questions, to be administered in class on Final Exam day. The Final Exam counts for twenty percent (20%) of your course grade.

ADDITIONAL READING EXERCISES:

- At regular intervals during the semester, students will complete four *Additional Reading Exercises (AREs)*, which require reading and answering questions about a variety of primary source documents (available in text form on the Internet, from resource links provided by the professor). *AREs* are available for downloading and/or printing from the “Additional Reading” section of the professor’s website. Each *ARE* counts for two and one-half percent (2.5%) of your grade, for a total of ten percent (10%).
- Each *ARE* consists of 25 mostly multiple-choice questions, to be answered on **CANVAS**. The deadline for completion of each *ARE* is shown in the course calendar.

MAP EXERCISES:

- At regular intervals during the semester, students will complete four *Map Exercises*, which require answering questions about a variety of both modern and antique maps (viewable on the professor’s website). Each *Map Exercise* or *MAPEX* counts for two and one-half percent (2.5%) of your grade, for a total of ten percent (10%). *MAPEXs* are available for downloading and/or printing from the “Additional Reading” section of the professor’s website.
- Each *MAPEX* consists of 25 mostly multiple-choice questions, to be answered on **CANVAS**. The deadline for completion of each *MAPEX* is shown in the course calendar.

EVALUATION CHART

Evaluation Item	Percentage of Course Grade
SELF STUDY EXAM	10%
ARE1 (Assignment)	2.5%
MAPEX1 (Assignment)	2.5%
EXAM1	10%
ARE2 (Assignment)	2.5%
MAPEX2 (Assignment)	2.5%
EXAM2	10%
ARE3 (Assignment)	2.5%
MAPEX3 (Assignment)	2.5%
EXAM3	10%
ARE4 (Assignment)	2.5%
MAPEX4 (Assignment)	2.5%
EXAM4	10%
FINAL EXAM	20%
ATTENDANCE	10%
TOTAL OF ALL ITEMS	100%

Grading Scale:

- A= 90% or better
- B= 80-89%
- C= 70-79%
- D= 60-69%
- F= 59% or less

Make-up Exam Policy:

In general, make-up exams are not permitted. Any student who does meet the deadline for taking an exam will have two choices: Either take a zero (0) for the missed exam (which is not recommended), or exercise the Replacement Credit Option (RCO), explained below. *However, students are warned that exercising the RCO to make up a missing exam may only be done once.* If a student misses any further exams, he or she will have no choice but to take a zero (0) for the missed exam(s). Exceptions to this rule may be made if there were extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control, which can be proven by documentary evidence.

Replacement Credit Option (RCO):

An individual *Replacement Credit Option (RCO)* is available for students who wish to use it, *one time only*, to replace either a.) his or her lowest exam score, or b.) a missing exam score, or c.) his or her two lowest exercise scores. Advance permission from the professor is required. For details, see the "Course Information section of the professor's website (<http://profbutler.watermelon-kid.com/>). NOTE: The RCO may *not* be exercised in lieu of the Final Exam.

Grade Questions and Postings:

If a student has a question about grades, it is required that the student meet with the professor during office hours or by appointment only to discuss grade concerns. Please note that the instructor can only disclose grades to the student. Please consult FERPA. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>) Final grades will be computed on the basis of a numerical average of your test less penalties for excessive absences on eCampus and eConnect. Grades reports are not mailed. It is the student's responsibility to access their grades online. Grades are available throughout the semester on eCampus. Final grades are accessible at the end of the semester with your student identification number by logging in to eConnect at <http://econnect.dccd.edu> or call (972) 613-1818. Once final grades are submitted, students will have 24 hours to notify instructor grade issues.

Attendance Policy: *Attendance is required* and counts for ten (10) percent of the student's overall grade. Each student who attends all class sessions, is never tardy, and never leaves early will receive an attendance grade of 100 (one-hundred) for the course. The student's attendance grade will be lowered proportionally for each unexcused absence, tardy and/or early departure. If a situation arises unexpectedly over which the student has little or no control such as illness, a death in the family, auto accident, etc., or participation in an official college-related activity, which can be corroborated by documentary evidence, the absence will be excused. Absences due to student choice (such as, but not limited to, a vacation) will **not** be excused.

In order to avoid having an unexcused absence, students should exercise care, whenever possible, not to schedule any appointment, vacation, or any other activity of choice during periods when the college is open and classes are in session.

Students who need to arrive late or leave early should inform the professor ahead of time by email and also verbally at the beginning of class, while citing the reason for the expected lateness or early departure.

Withdrawal Policy

If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar's Office by (semester's drop date). Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an "F." If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a "W" (Withdraw) in each class dropped. For more information about drop deadlines, refer to the current printed Credit Class Schedule, contact the Admissions/Student Records office at 972-238-6100 or 6101 (Thunderduck Hall, T170), or contact the division office.

Drop Date:

The last day to withdraw from this class without a grade of "W" is Monday, January 29, 2018.

The last day to withdraw from this class with a grade of "W" is Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Stop Before You Drop

For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions.

Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a "W". Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access <https://www1.dcccd.edu/6drop>

Repeating a Course

Effective from Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. All third and subsequent attempts of the majority of credit and Continuing Education/Workforce Training courses will result in additional tuition to be charged. Developmental Studies and some other courses will not be charged a higher tuition rate. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 Semester. See Third Attempt to Enroll in a Course at: <http://www.dcccd.edu/thirdcourseattempt/>

Classroom Policies/Student Responsibilities:

- **General Policy:** Students are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and responsible adult manner. Profanity, insulting remarks, and other inappropriate language have no place in the classroom. Reading newspapers or magazines, working out crossword or other types of puzzles, sleeping, or any other behavior that makes it clear the student is not paying attention to the lesson is unacceptable and not permitted. In other words, students are expected to be alert, to pay attention, and to take notes. *Please familiarize yourself with and observe the rules and regulations of Richland College and the Dallas County Community College District.*
- **Talking in class:** Questions, observations, and comments that are relevant to the lesson are strongly encouraged. However, in order that lectures and/or discussions may be orderly and so that everyone may hear and learn, no matter who is speaking, students are expected to remain quiet and to raise their hands when they wish to be called upon by the professor. Chronic failure to observe this rule will almost certainly result in disciplinary action.
- **Electronic Devices:** The use of any sort of electronic device, including laptop computers and tablets, during class is prohibited. Every detected violation of this policy will result in 1 (one) point being deducted from the student's final grade average. With permission, exceptions will be for the use of recording devices by students with a documented disability or by students whose primary language is not English.
- **Food and Drink in Classroom:** Beverages will be permitted in the classroom but each student must take full responsibility to remove bottles, trash, etc. from the learning environment and to deposit trash in appropriate receptacles outside the classroom. Only non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea, carbonated drinks, and fruit juices will be permitted. Additionally, beverages must be in a spill-proof container. No open topped containers, including cans, will be permitted. The eating of food of any kind will not be permitted in the classroom. Every detected violation of this policy will result in 1 (one) point being deducted from the student's final grade average.
- **Children on Campus:** Minors should not be brought to campus in lieu of appropriate childcare. A student will not be allowed to attend class when minors are accompanying the student. Minors should not be brought into classrooms, laboratories, the Test Center, Center for Tutoring and Learning Connections, Library, or Academic Computing areas because of disruption of instruction or study, exposure to materials unsuitable for minors, and possible danger to minors.

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather, call 972-238-6196 or visit the Richland College website: (<http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu>) to learn if the campus is closed.

Student Academic Progress: Students are encouraged to discuss academic goals and degree completion with their instructors. Specific advising is available throughout the semester from academic advisors and career specialists. Check <http://richlandcollege.edu/admissions> and <http://richlandcollege.edu/advising> for more details.

Institutional Policies: Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link: <http://www.richlandcollege.edu/syllabipolicies>

Financial Aid: If you are receiving any form of financial aid, you should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

Academic Honesty: Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. (<https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/code.cfm>)

ADA Statement: If you are a student with a disability and/or special needs who requires accommodations, please contact the college Disability Services Office at 972-238-6180 (Voice/TTY), visit Thunderduck Hall, suite T120, or go to <http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu/support/DisServ.htm>

Religious Holidays: Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to contract with the instructor to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

Richland College’s Quality Enhancement Plan for HIST 1301 courses:

Richland College is implementing its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) in select classes. The QEP provides techniques, practices, and tools to help students develop the habits, traits or behaviors needed to be effective and successful lifelong learners in college and in life. For more information, please log onto <https://alt.richlandcollege.edu/qep/>.

Professor's Contact Information: It is important to me that all my students succeed in the course. If you are having difficulty of any kind in class or if you are considering dropping the course, please inform me. I will be happy to meet with you outside of class to discuss your concerns. Please note however, that I do not have an office of my own on campus. If you need to contact me, you may call the Adjunct Faculty/ACCESS Office (A-110) at 972-238-6140 and leave a message with a staff member who will place it in my mailbox. **The best and quickest way to reach me, however, is to send email to: sbutler@dcccd.edu.**

I also maintain a website where my students may download copies of this syllabus and find other information about the course. Please visit: <http://profbutler.watermelon-kid.com/>

Syllabus Disclaimer: Instructors reserve the right to amend a syllabus as necessary.

COURSE CALENDAR

Class No.	Date	Topic	Textbook Reading
01	Tue., Jan. 16	Orientation	<i>Not Applicable</i>
02	Thu., Jan. 18	New World Encounters	Ch. 1 (all), 2 (all), & 3 (pp. 39-44)
eCampus	Sun., Jan. 21	Self-Study Exam Deadline	Not Applicable
03	Tue., Jan. 23	New World Encounters	Ch. 1 (all), 2 (all), & 3 (pp. 39-44)
04	Thu., Jan. 25	New World Encounters	Ch. 1 (all), 2 (all), & 3 (pp. 39-44)
05	Tue., Jan. 30	New World Encounters	Ch. 1 (all), 2 (all), & 3 (pp. 39-44)

06	Thu., Feb. 1	England's Colonial Experiments	Ch. 3 (pp. 44-59) and Ch. 4
07	Tue., Feb. 6	England's Colonial Experiments	Ch. 3 (pp. 44-59) and Ch. 4
08	Thu., Feb. 8	Putting Down Roots	Ch. 5
eCampus	Sun., Feb. 11	ARE1 and MAPEX1 Deadline	Not Applicable
09	Tue., Feb. 13	Putting Down Roots	Ch. 5
10	Thu., Feb. 15	Colonies in an Empire	Ch. 6 through p. 106
eCampus	Sun., Feb. 18	EXAM 1 Deadline	Not Applicable
11	Tue., Feb. 20	The American Revolution	Ch. 6 (from p. 106) and Ch. 7 (all)
12	Thu. Feb. 22	The American Revolution	Ch. 6 (from p. 106) and Ch. 7 (all)
13	Tue., Feb. 27	The American Revolution	Ch. 6 (from p. 106) and Ch. 7 (all)
	Thu, March 1	NO CLASS DUE TO TCCTA	Not Applicable
14	Tue., March 6	The American Revolution	Ch. 6 (from p. 106) and Ch. 7 (all)
15	Thu., March 8	The Republican Experiment	Ch. 8
eCampus	Sun., March 11	ARE2 and MAPEX2 Deadline	Not Applicable
—	Mon., March 12- Sun., March 18	SPRING BREAK	Not Applicable
16	Tue., March 20	The Republican Experiment	Ch. 8
17	Thu., March 22	Democracy in Distress	Ch. 9 (through p. 171)
eCampus	Sun., March 25	EXAM 2 Deadline	Not Applicable
18	Tue., March 27	Republican Ascendancy	Ch. 9 (from p. 172)
19	Thu., March 29	Republican Ascendancy	Ch. 9 (from p. 172)
20	Tue., April 3	Nation Building & Nationalism	Ch. 10
21	Thu., April 5	Nation Building & Nationalism	Ch. 10
22	Tue., April 10	Jacksonian Democracy	Ch. 11
23	Thu., April 12	Jacksonian Democracy	Ch. 11
eCampus	Sun., April 15	ARE3 and MAPEX3 Deadline	Not Applicable
24	Tue., April 17	Religion and Reform	Ch. 12
25	Thu., April 19	Age of Expansion	Ch. 14 (through p. 280)
eCampus	Sun., April 22	EXAM 3 Deadline	Not Applicable
26	Tue., April 24	Slavery in America	Ch. 13
27	Thu., April 26	Sectional Crisis	Ch. 14 (from p. 280) and Ch. 15
eCampus	Sun., April 29	ARE4 and MAPEX4 Deadline	Not Applicable
28	Tue., May 1	The Civil War	Ch. 14 (from p. 280), Ch. 15, Ch. 16
29	Thu., May 3	Reconstruction	Ch. 16
eCampus	Sun., May 6	EXAM 4 Deadline	Not Applicable
30	Tue., May 8	FINAL EXAM	Not Applicable

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- *During first week of the semester students will view all or part of three assigned videos and complete the Self-Study Exam, which will be open from the first day of class through 11:59 p.m. on the first Sunday night following the end of the first week of the semester.*
- *All deadlines are 11:59 p.m. (one minute to midnight) on the date indicated.*
- *All exercises will be open until 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date.*
- *Online exams will open immediately following the end of class at the conclusion of the lecture portion of each part of the course and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date.*