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Class Meeting: 9:45-10:36.

Nature of Course: A general survey of U.S. History from approximately 1492-1865.

Course materials: Course content will be delivered via three primary methods:

Textbook: The American YAWP. Link to online free version: http://www.americanyawp.com/

Video series: The Civil War by Ken Burns. These videos will be posted to Blackboard.

Lecture series: Lectures will be delivered during the daily Zoom sessions. Students will be required to take notes from these sessions. For students unable to attend these daily meetings, recordings of the session will be posted to Blackboard in the “Content” section. Here is a link to the Zoom session:
Zoom log-in info:
*Go to: www.zoom.us
*At the top in blue click on “Join A Meeting”
*In the meeting ID or personal link name bar, type in the following code: 686 263 3225
*Password 1302
*That should take you to the meeting waiting room.
*I’ll then admit you to the session.
*You should be able to access the meeting with your computer or phone.
*If you have any trouble, you can text me at (325) 456-6020.
*I’m going to post to Blackboard on a daily basis in the content section the recording of each day’s class. So, if you miss the live broadcast, you can watch the recordings.
*So as not to take up too much bandwidth on Blackboard, I’m going to going to delete from Blackboard the previous week’s recordings at 7:00 pm every Tuesday.
**Students need to be sure they can access the course in Blackboard.**

**Course assessment:** Exams—60%: Including the final, four examinations based on class lectures, writing assignments, and assigned readings, will be administered during the course of the semester. The final exam will not be comprehensive. The exam schedule is as follows:

- Exam #1: September 13-14 (M-TU)
- Exam #2: October 11-12 (M-TU)
- Exam #3: November 8-9 (M-TU)
- Final: December 9 (TH)

Any variations to this schedule will be announced well in advance. A study guide will be provided prior to the exam, and time permitting, will be reviewed in class. All four exams must be completed in order to receive a grade for the course.

Writing assignments/quizzes—40%: Periodic writing assignments/quizzes based on the video assignments, lecture notes, and assigned readings will be administered throughout the course of the semester. These assignments and quizzes will be announced at least one week in advance in the upcoming assignments section of the daily instructions that will be posted to Blackboard.

**Gading Scale for History 1301**

- A  90+
- B  80-89
- C  70-79
- D  60-69
- F  Below 60

**Makeup work:** Students can take exams/writing assignments/quizzes early if they are not going to be in class the day of the scheduled exam or assignment. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the instructor if this is going to happen. Make-up exams will not be permitted unless specifically authorized prior to the date (at least 24 hours in advance) of the scheduled exam or in the case of a dire emergency. Make-up exams will be all essay. It is the student’s responsibility to schedule the make-up exam at the convenience of the instructor. In similar fashion, students must notify the instructor 24 hours in advance if they are going to miss a quiz/writing assignment. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving a zero for that grade.
**Modifications:** Any student that needs extended time completing exams/assignments needs to contact ASU’s dual credit office and they will instruct the student on how to apply for these modifications and if approved, notify the instructor.

**Attendance:** Exams are based primarily on lectures so attendance is required. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class. More than twelve absences (no excused absences) will result in the deduction of one letter grade. You are expected to be in class on time. If you enter after roll has been taken, you will be counted absent. Students who miss class can access the classes either live via the Zoom session or watch the Zoom recordings which will be posted to Blackboard.

*This requirement does not apply to online classes.*

**Discipline:** This is a dual-credit course meaning the student will receive both high school and college credit for passing. Because it is a college credit course students are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. Primarily that means no talking while the instructor is talking. Students unable to properly conduct themselves will be removed from class. Because students are also receiving high school credit for the course, they will be expected to follow the rules as outlined in their student handbook. Any violations will subject the student to being referred to their administrator.

No cell phones once class has started. Any student seen using a cell phone during class will be asked to leave.

**Scholastic Honesty:** The ASU Student Handbook contains important information about campus services, programs, policies, and procedures, including such areas as the campus disciplinary rules and the Academic Honor Code. All students are expected to be familiar with this publication and to comply with the policies contained therein, among them maintaining complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits according to the Academic Honor Code. The ASU Student Handbook is available via the ASU website at www.angelo.edu (“Current Students:/University Publications.”) This is the link that specifically refers to academic misconduct:


Large print versions are available in the Student Life Office, Room 112 in the University Center

*The following are considered examples of scholastic dishonesty:*


**Plagiarism**  The taking of passages from the writing of others without giving proper credit to the sources.

**Collusion**  Using another’s work as one’s own, or working together with another person in the preparation of work, unless such joint preparation is specifically approved in advance by the instructor.

**Cheating**  Giving or receiving information on examinations.

Students guilty of scholastic dishonesty will be administratively dropped from the course with a grade of “F” and subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and expulsion.

In addition to these standards, any student caught cheating will be turned over to their respective high school administrator for disciplinary action.

**Withdrawal date:**  November 22.

**Course Outline:**

I.  Introduction and first settlements.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapters 1 and 2.

II.  Events leading to Revolutionary War and Revolutionary War.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapters 3-4 and chapter 5 through section V.
   Video series 1-2
   Exam #1

III.  Confederation period.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapter 5 sections VI-VII.

IV.  Constitution, Washington era and J. Adams presidency
   Required reading:  Textbook chapter 6.

V.  Jefferson Presidency through War of 1812.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapter 7.

VI.  Early Republic, Era of Good Feelings, rise of industrialism.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapter 8.
   Video series 3-4
   Exam #2

VII.  Jacksonian era, age of reform.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapters 9-10.

VIII. Cotton economy, Mexican War/Expansion.
   Required reading:  Textbook chapters 11-12.
   Video series 5-6
Exam #3

IX. Road to war.

X. Civil War.
   Required reading: Textbook chapters 14.
   Video series 6-9

Final exam

**Because of the ever-changing situation we find ourselves in due to the current pandemic, modifications to this syllabus during the course of the semester may be necessary. However, any changes or modifications will be clearly articulated to students in a timely manner.**