HIST 1301: History of the United States to 1865

A general survey of American development through the period of the Civil War.

Instructor Information

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Class Information

This is a survey course of United States History to 1865; in other words, you will learn about various United States historical topics beginning with the Age of Reconnaissance (European exploration of the ‘New World’) through the end of the U.S. Civil War. Your knowledge of each topic will be assessed through discussion questions, weekly quizzes, a Midterm Essay Exam comprised of one 500-word essay question, and a Final Essay Exam also comprised of one 500-word essay question.

The course is divided into a total of four modules (units). You will have a Midterm Essay Exam covering the first two modules and a Final Essay Exam.

You will be required to do the following each week:

- Complete a five-question quiz (except for module exam weeks) over that week’s chapter(s).
- Analyze the assigned Primary Source Reading through two short-answer questions (75 words per answer)

Communication Policy

For any questions or concerns that you may have, please do not hesitate to email me at michelle.loyd@angelo.edu. Please allow 24 hours for return emails Monday through Friday and 48 hours on weekends and/or holidays. I will check emails after 6:00 pm.
Grading Policy

This class is worth a total of 198 points divided as follows:

- Weekly Quizzes - 70 points (14 weeks/ 5 questions per chapter)
- Primary Source Reading Analyses - 28 points (14 documents/ 2 questions per document)
- Midterm Essay Exam - 50 points
- Final Essay Exam - 50 points

Letter grades will be awarded as such:

A = 180 - 198 points
B = 160 - 179 points
C = 140 - 159 points
D = 120 - 139 points
F = 0 - 119 points

Plagiarism & Academic Dishonesty

Please watch the video about plagiarism found in Blackboard located in the ‘Content’ folder. If a student is caught plagiarizing, the student will receive a grade of ‘0’ for that assignment and will be reported to the proper authorities.

Any students caught cheating on exams will receive a grade of ‘0’ for that exam and will also be reported to the proper authorities.

If a student continuously plagiarizes and/or cheats on exams, that student will fail the course.

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**Student Disability Services**

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation.

The Office of Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting:

Ms. Dallas A. Swafford  
*Director of Student Disability Services*

- 325-942-2047  
- dallas.swafford@angelo.edu  
- Houston Harte University Center

**Title IX Statement**

Angelo State University is committed to the safety and security of all students. If you or someone you know experience sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or discrimination, you may contact ASU’s Title IX Coordinator:

Michelle Nicole Boone, J.D.  
*Director of Title IX Compliance*

- michelle.boone@angelo.edu  
- 325-486-6357  
- Mayer Administration Building 204

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

**Incomplete Grade Policy**

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.
**Student Conduct Policies**

**Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list. Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

**Copyright Policy**

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

**General Policies Related to This Course**

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Catalog
- Angelo State University Student Handbook

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Module #1

Week 1 (8/23 – 8/29)
- “Introductory” Video
- Plagiarism Video
- “How to Study History” Video
- “How to Analyze a Primary Source” Video

Week 2 (8/30; Assignments due 9/5)
- Read Chapters 1 & 2
- Chapters 1 & 2 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 3 (9/6; Assignments due 9/12)
- Read Chapters 3 & 4
- Chapters 3 & 4 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Module #2

Week 5 (9/13; Assignments due 9/19)
- Read Chapter 5
- Chapter 5 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 6 (9/20; Assignments due 9/26)
- Read Chapter 6
- Chapter 6 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 7 (9/27; Assignments due 10/3)
- Read Chapter 7
- Chapter 7 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 16 (10/4 – 10/10)
- Midterm Essay Exam
  - 500-Word Essay

Module #3

Week 8 (10/11; Assignments due 10/17)
- Read Chapter 8
- Chapter 8 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 9 (10/18; Assignments due 10/24)
- Read Chapter 9
- Chapter 9 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 10 (10/25; Assignments due 10/31)
- Read Chapter 10
- Chapter 10 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Module #4

Week 11 (11/1; Assignments due 11/7)
- Read Chapter 11
- Chapter 11 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 12 (11/8; Assignments due 11/14)
- Read Chapter 12
- Chapter 12 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 13 (11/15; Assignments due 11/21)
- Read Chapter 13
- Chapter 13 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 14 (11/22 – 11/28)
- Thanksgiving Break

Week 15 (11/29; Assignments Due 12/5)
- Read Chapter 14
- Chapter 14 Quiz
- Primary Source Analysis

Week 16 (12/6 – 12/10)
- Final Exam
  - 500-Word Essay