

**Common Course Syllabus**  
**Fall 2019 History 1301 404 Mulsow**  
**Department of History**

**Department:** Social Sciences

**Discipline:** History

**Course Number:** HISTORY 1301

**Course Title:** United States History I

**Credit:** 3 Lecture, 0 Lab

**Satisfies a core curriculum requirement?** Yes, American History

**Prerequisites:** TSI compliance in Reading

**Available Formats:** Conventional, Hybrid

**Campus:** Wilson High School

**Textbook:** U.S. History, OpenStax, Digital ISBN 1947172085, [www.openstax.org/details/us-history](http://www.openstax.org/details/us-history). The textbook is available to read online or as a PDF download.

**Course Specific Instructions:** Each instructor will attach his/her course with specific instructions.

**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, and creation of the federal government.

**Course Objectives addressed:**

1. **critical thinking:** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
2. **communication:** to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
3. **social responsibility:** to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
4. **personal responsibility:** to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

**Course Purpose:** To acquaint students with the diversity of American history and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. Fundamentally, the course promotes general understanding of a body of knowledge any literate person should possess about the history of his own country.

**Course Requirements:** To maximize a student's potential to complete this course, he/she should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and complete all other projects or papers as assigned in the instructor's specific instructions.

**Course Evaluation:** See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

**Attendance Policy:** Whenever absences become excessive and in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student will be withdrawn from the course. Each instructor will have additional information about attendance on his/her course information sheet.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should be familiar with the evolution of American political, social, and economic institutions and traditions from the arrival of Europeans to the mid-nineteenth century. This would include the ability to:

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

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**SPC Standard Disability Statement:** Any students who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make and necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations until appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office has been provided. For more information, you may contact the Disability Services Office (located in the Health & Wellness Center) at 806-716-2529 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

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### Dual-Credit Course Requirements:

1. Read the textbook chapters assigned each week.
2. Read the weekly primary source materials and complete the source analysis assignments.
3. Login to Blackboard weekly for updates on class assignments, quizzes, and announcements.
4. Attend lectures and take notes.
5. Complete and submit all quizzes and exams within the allotted time.
6. Read and analyze one academic text as part of your research/writing assignment (more about this below).

**Class Attendance:** Students will abide by the policies and procedures stated in the Wilson ISD Student Handbook. Absences due to extracurricular activities do not excuse students from assignment due dates. Submit early if any situation results in an absence from class. Late work for this course **will not** be accepted without prior approval by the instructor.

**Withdrawal/Dropping a class:** Review the dates and procedures for dropping or withdrawing from a class in the South Plains College catalog. Any drop or withdrawal from this class must be approved by the Wilson Collegiate High School principal and counsellor.

**Academic Integrity:** Familiarize yourself with the SPC Student Conduct policies regarding cheating and plagiarism.

### *Cheating*

*Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.*

### *Plagiarism*

*Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identifiable expression of material taken from books, Internet resources, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.*

<http://catalog.southplainscollege.edu/content.php?catoid=48&navoid=1286>

**Any student who violates the SPC policies regarding academic integrity will receive a failing grade and be dropped from the class.**

### **Course Assignments:**

**Reading Quizzes:** Students will have five quizzes in Blackboard throughout the semester over the assigned readings in OpenStax *U.S. History*. Quizzes will consist of 10 to 15 questions. All quizzes are open-book (you can use your textbook and notes), and are timed. You may take the quiz up to two times. Only the highest score is recorded. You can drop your lowest quiz grade for the semester.

**Course Exams:** Students will have four exams in Blackboard throughout the semester over the assigned readings and lectures. Exams will consist of 20 multiple choice questions and an essay. You have only one chance to take an exam, so be prepared. Textbook and class notes are not be used for exams.

**Research/Writing Assignment:** Students will complete one major writing activity for this course in three stages.

1. Students will select an academic text/book to read and review. The text must relate to a topic in U.S. history addressed in this course and have instructor approval.
2. Students will write a draft summary of the text and explain the author's approach to the topic and use of primary sources. A rubric and further explanation will be available on Blackboard for this assignment. Submit the draft version on or before the due date for instructor review.
3. After the draft copy is returned with notes and suggestions for corrections, students will make the necessary corrections and resubmit the final version of the analysis for grading.

**Writing assignments cannot be made up or submitted late. Failure to submit the writing assignment will result in a failing grade for the course.**

**Daily Assignments:** Regular attendance and participation is expected from all students. This includes primary source document analyses and any group activities assigned throughout the semester.

## Grading:

Daily Assignments (primary source analysis, group projects, etc.)	30%
Research/Writing Assignment (rough draft & final submission) *	20%
Quizzes (on Blackboard, 5 quizzes, drop lowest score)	20%
Exams (on Blackboard, 4 exams)	30%
	Total points: 100%
* <b>Mandatory</b> assignment for course completion.	

## Course Outline - HIST 1301

Aug 26-30	Chapter 1 - Americas, Europe, Africa before 1492
Sept 3-6	Chapter 2 - Early Globalization, 1492-1650
Sept 12	<b>QUIZ #1 - Chapters 1-2</b>
Sept 9-13	Chapter 3 - Creating New Social Orders, 1500-1700
Sept 19	<b>EXAM #1 - Chapters 1-3</b>
Sept 16-20	Chapter 4 - Rule Britannia! 1660-1763 <i>Select academic text to review by Friday</i>
Sept 23-27	Chapter 5 - Imperial Reform/Colonial Protest, 1763-1774
Oct 3	<b>QUIZ #2 - Chapters 3-5</b>
Sept 30-Oct 4	Chapter 6 - War for Independence, 1775-1783
Oct 10	<b>EXAM #2 - Chapters 4-6</b>
Oct 7-10	Chapter 7 - Creating Republican Governments, 1776-1790

Oct 15-18 Chapter 8 - New Republic, 1790-1820  
*Academic Review rough draft due by Friday*

Oct 24 **QUIZ #3 - Chapters 6-8**

Oct 21-25 Chapter 9 - Industrial Transformation, 1800-1850

Oct 28-Nov 1 Chapter 10 - Jacksonian Democracy, 1820-1840  
*Return review rough drafts for correction*

Nov 4-8 Chapter 11 - Westward Expansion, 1800-1860

Nov 14 **QUIZ #4 - Chapters 9-11**

Nov 11-15 Chapters 12 & 13 Antebellum South, 1800-1860

Nov 18-22 Chapter 14 - Troubled Times, 1850s

Nov 25-26 *Academic review final submission due by Tuesday*

Nov 27-29 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

Dec 5 **QUIZ #5 – Chapters 12-14**

Dec 2-6 Chapter 15 - The Civil War, 1860-1865

Dec 9-12 **FALL FINALS WEEK - FINAL EXAM 1301**

Dec 13 Fall final grades due 10:00 am