Syllabus
History Of The United States From 1877
HIST 1302.4434 and 9043
INET

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

HIST 1302 History of the United States (3 Credit Hours)
This is a Texas Common Course Number.
Prerequisite: Developmental Reading 0093 or English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 or have met the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standard in reading.

This course is an introduction to American History from 1877 to our modern era. This study includes social, economic, and political aspects of American life. Also, we will explore the growth of America as a world super power.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the chronology of major events and trends in U.S. history from 1877.
- Demonstrate the ability to identify and evaluate historical sources, distinguishing between primary and secondary sources.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the causes of various conflicts (such as wars, social movements, political movements, and economic events) and the effects of their outcomes on U.S. history.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the causes of the origins and foundations of American democracy, including the founding documents and the democratic values of freedom, equality, and justice.
- Demonstrate the importance of expansionism, manifest destiny, and western settlement during the course of U.S. history from 1877.
ASSIGNMENTS

There will be fourteen exams throughout the semester. The exam will consist of multiple choice questions. Each exam will cover materials from textbooks. Exams are located on our eCampus page under the tab marked “Exams”. You may take the exams at any time you like, but all exams must be completed by **DECEMBER 12, 2011 at 11:59pm** (no exceptions). If you do not get the test submitted by that time, the test will not count and you get a 0. Every exam contains 10 multiple choice questions for a total of 100 possible points. One exam covers only one chapter’s worth of material. I will drop the two lowest test scores, and only count twelve of the exams for your final point total.

You will also write a three page essay on what event or movement you believe to be the most significant in American History. This essay is due on **DECEMBER 12, 2011 at 11:59pm**. No late papers will be accepted. This essay is worth 100 points. You will find detailed instructions on our eCampus page.

There is also an opportunity to earn 50 points in extra credit. You will need to write a three page essay on a historically based movie. I have included directions for this paper on our eCampus page. This must be turned in no later than **DECEMBER 12, 2011 at 11:59pm**. No late papers will be accepted.

GRADES

All grades for this class are figured by simple addition. I simply add your scores together and arrive at a grand total for your final grade. You then take that total and compare it with the point scale below.

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12 \text{ Exams} & \quad 100 \text{ points each} \\
& = 1200 \text{ points}
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(Remember, I drop the 2 lowest scores)

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1 \text{ Essay} & \quad 100 \text{ points} \\
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**Point Scale**

- 1300- 1170 = A
- 1169- 1040 = B
- 1039- 910 = C
- 909- 780 = D
- Below 799 = F

ECAMPUS
Students will need to utilize the eCampus to be successful in this class. Class materials, grades, and announcements will be posted there on a regular basis. All exams are based on eCampus.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Nov. 5, 2012           Class begins  
Dec. 12, 2012          Last day to complete course

**PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is a very serious offense, and it will not be tolerated by the instructor. Anytime you use material for your writing that has previously been written, you must use a citation. Simple and honest citation mistakes are understandable, but turning in a paper that someone else wrote will result in a failure of the course.

**STOP BEFORE YOU DROP:**

For student 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.

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 7 of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops

**Drop Procedure**

If you are unable to complete this course, you must withdraw from it by December 8, 2011. Withdrawing from a course is a formal procedure which you must initiate; I cannot do it for you. You may do this in Admissions or Counseling. If you do not withdraw, you will receive a performance grade, usually an “F”.

**Financial Aid Students:** If you are receiving Financial Aid grants or loans, you must begin attendance in all classes. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may require that you repay financial aid funds. Failure to contact the instructor will result in your name being submitted to the financial Aid Office as a “non-attendee.” All students receiving financial aid should open an E-mail account through NetMail. See directions in this syllabus for opening an E-mail account.
**Academic Honesty:** The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct is to provide guidelines for the educational environment of The Dallas County Community College District. Such an environment presupposes both rights and responsibilities. Disciplinary regulations at the college are set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. Students should be aware of disciplinary actions for all forms of academic dishonesty, including cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, plagiarism, and collusion. Your College Catalog and the DCCCD Catalog contain the entire Student Code of Conduct, which is also on the Internet at [http://dcccd.edu](http://dcccd.edu). It is the faculty member’s responsibility to inform you about the CONSEQUENCES of copying or cheating on a test or assignment. In this course, you will receive a grade of “F” on the particular assignment or test if you are guilty of cheating on assignments, tests, or plagiarism (see explanation above). Please do not put yourself in a situation that would result in such action. Be very clear about what work may be completed in collaboration with other students. Even when you are asked to work together on assignments, it is still expected that you will complete and submit your own work. While your classmates may help you with materials, all assignments should be written using YOUR thoughts and words.

**Emergency/Inclement Weather Procedure:** In case of emergency or inclement weather conditions, Eastfield students should listen to KEOM-FM Radio Station (88.5) as the primary media source. In partnership with the Mesquite Independent School District, Eastfield College Administration will notify KEOM immediately after a decision is made to cancel classes on any given day of inclement weather or for emergency purposes. Students may also monitor other local radio and television stations. The earliest an announcement may be broadcast on KEOM Radio is 6:00am. Students may also refer to the Eastfield College web page: [www.eastfieldcollege.com](http://www.eastfieldcollege.com) for the inclement Weather announcement under the Features area on the front page. The announcement will be posted immediately following the decision to close the college.

**Repeatability Issue:** Pending legislative action and DCCCD Board approval, effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge a higher tuition rate 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 higher 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. For complete information and updates, go to: [http://www.dcccd.edu/ThirdCourseAttempt/](http://www.dcccd.edu/ThirdCourseAttempt/)

**Student E-Mail:** Legal privacy issues prevent your instructor from discussing your work or your grades on commercial e-mail accounts. If you wish to send your papers as attachments to an e-mail (and the instructor permits it), or if you have a question about your grade, you must open a student e-mail account. The account is free. You may set it up by going to [www.dcccd.edu](http://www.dcccd.edu) and click on Student Services, Online Services, and Student NetMail. All students receiving financial aid must open a student NetMail account.
Religious Holidays/Observances: Students who will be absent from class for the observance of a religious holiday must notify the instructor in advance. Please refer to the college catalog section on “Student Responsibilities.”

ADA Services: If you are a student with a disability and/or special needs who requires ADA accommodations, please contact Eastfield College Disability Services at 972-860-8348. For any testing accommodation, you must go through the EFC Disability Services Office.

Incompletes: An “Incomplete” is only given in unusual circumstances. You must have completed 2/3 of all class requirements and meet with the professor regarding your circumstances.

Obtaining Your Grades at the End of the Semester: Grade reports are no longer mailed. Convenient access is available online or by telephone. Just use your student identification number when you log in to Econnect or call DCCCD Touch tone Services. Web site address: http://econnect.dcccd.edu/. Telephone number: 972-613-1818

Classroom Environment: Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, all students are expected to be in class and prepared to begin on time. All pagers, wireless phones, electronic games, radios, tape or CD players or other devices that generate sound must be turned off when you enter the classroom. Disruption of class, whether by latecomers, noisy devices or inconsiderate behavior will not be tolerated. Repeated violations will be penalized and may result in expulsion from the class.

Printing On Campus: Printing in the Computer Lab (L108), Library, and Learning Assistance Center will cost 5 cents per page. Students must bring a $1.00, $5.00, $10.00 or $20.00 bill to the lab to create an account. Accounts must be created before attempting to print. No change is made in the lab. Once the money is in the bill acceptor, it cannot be retrieved. Cash refunds are not possible. Accounts stay active as long as the account has value.

Sexual Harassment: Eastfield College has a zero tolerance policy on sexual harassment. All students shall report complaints of sexual harassment informally to the college Human Resources director or formally to the Vice Chancellor of Educational Affairs.

Financial Aid Statement: Students who are receiving any form of financial aid 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.