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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.

Required Materials Including Textbooks (include ISBN)

Note: A minimum of 9 hours per week should be devoted to course material outside of class time


Course Prerequisites

Disclaimer –

The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.

Texas Core Objectives for Student Learning

The College defines essential knowledge and skills that students need to develop during their college experience. These general education competencies parallel the Texas Core Objectives for Student Learning. In this course, the following skills are in focus.

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

Student 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.
CVC Learning Signature

CVC’s Learning Signature is One College Transforming Lives. Cedar Valley College establishes clear expectations for students through engagement and empowerment leading to excellence.

CVC Faculty and Staff expect students to:
- take responsibility for their own learning
- commit to achieving high academic performance
- be meaningfully engaged in the campus community

CVC Faculty and Staff expect to:
- provide students a clear pathway of instruction
- establish clear learning outcomes
- serve as role models and mentors for students

Evaluation Procedures

At the beginning of the course, the instructor provides a schedule of examinations and assignments that contribute to the final grade in the course for each student.

All assignments, exams, and essays are calculated using a percentage system, please see above descriptions for relevant percentages for each grade:

- A  100% - 89%
- B  88% - 79%
- C  78% - 69%
- D  68% - 59%
- F  58% and lower

Exams and Assignments

The final grade for the course reflects evaluation of the student’s work on the following assignments that are calculated as follows:

Four Exams: Each exam will cover three to four (3-4) chapters within the textbook in consecutive order. Each exam is worth 15% of your final grade for a combined 60% of your overall grade. There are no makeup exams, in the event of a missed exam, the grade will be left blank and upon the conclusion of the semester, the other three exam grades will be averaged to replace the missed grade. If more than one exam is missed, a grade of 0 for the second missed exam will be used in the calculation of the exam average.

Exam Extra Credit: You have four possible extra credit opportunities, which are under the tab Extra Credit: Historical Film Analysis in your eCampus. Each completed extra credit assignment can potentially add 10 points to an exam grade.

Essay Assignment: You will complete a 3-5 page written essay connecting a current news story within the larger historical
context. Information regarding the assignment and its completion are found on eCampus. This is a four (4)-stage writing process, for a total of 20% of your final grade.

Discussion Board: You will need to complete 5 Discussion Board posts, complete with two (2) replies to fellow posters. Instructions for the Discussion Board, the posts and their replies are found on eCampus. The five (5) posts are worth 4%, with a combined total of 20% of your final grade.

Stop Before you Drop

Under a Texas law (TEC Section 51.907), if you drop too many classes without having an acceptable reason, your GPA could be affected. Be sure you understand how this law may affect you before you drop a class.

The law applies to students who enroll in a Texas public institution of higher education (including the colleges of DCCCD) for the first time in fall 2007 or later. Under this law, you may not drop more than six classes without an acceptable reason during your entire undergraduate career without penalty. For more information, please see our catalog or read Facts About Dropping Classes.

If you drop or withdraw before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a grade of W (Withdraw) in each class dropped until the seventh unacceptable drop. You will earn a grade of WF for the seventh unacceptable drop, and each unacceptable drop after that. A grade of WF will be calculated in your GPA as an F.

The deadline for receiving a W is indicated on the academic calendar and the current class schedule. For more information, you may access: http://www.dcccd.edu/Why/Reg/Registration/Pages/DropWithdraw.aspx

The Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. This class may not be repeated for the third or subsequent time without paying the additional tuition. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: http://www.dcccd.edu/PC/Cost/3rdCrseAttmpt/Pages/default.aspx

Tutoring Services

All tutoring is available on a "drop in" basis; however, if you would like to make an appointment for a specific time, please call 972-860-2974. We encourage you to make an appointment for all written assignments. During each visit to the center, you will use
your student ID# to sign in and out on our computer at the front desk. More information is available at:
http://www.cedarvalleycollege.edu/FutureStudents/StudentServices/TutoringServices/default.aspx

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN
Cedar Valley College's Quality Enhancement Plan is designed to improve student learning in mathematics. Read more about our QEP at:
http://www.cedarvalleycollege.edu/QEP/default.aspx

INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Academic Advising
Academic Advising is a collaborative educational process whereby students and their advisors are partners in meeting the students' academic, personal, and career goals. This partnership is a process that is built over the student’s entire educational career at Cedar Valley College.

Educational planning is available to all students. First time in college students must meet with academic advisors prior to enrolling in classes; however, continuing students may choose to see faculty advisors, faculty counselors, and/or program coordinators after classes begin. All parties have clear responsibilities for ensuring a successful partnership. For more information, you may access:
https://www.cedarvalleycollege.edu/FutureStudents/StudentServices/AcademicAdvising/Pictures/AdvisingSyllabus.pdf

Academic Honesty
Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community Colleges. 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. See Also Student Code of Conduct.
https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/code.cfm?loc=CVC

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 972-860-8119.

Emergency Alert
Sign up for DCCCD Emergency Alerts to receive a text-message, e-mail and/or phone call when there is an unscheduled evacuation or closure of a DCCCD campus or office because of weather closures, utility outages, police or other emergencies. Subscribing is free, but standard text message charges from your cell phone provider will apply. Please refer to:
Financial Aid
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.

Health Center Services
Basic first aid for minor cuts, scrapes, insect stings, and heat, etc.

- Over-the-counter medications for headaches, fever, seasonal allergies, and colds
- Over-the-counter medications for mild allergic reactions
- Emergency sanitary pads
- Blood Pressure check
- Coordination with outside health agencies such as Carter Blood Care; Dallas County Health Dept. (HIV/STD testing--free, twice a semester); UT Southwestern mobile mammography; Immunizations once a month for children <19 y.o. from the DCDHHS; Agape Massage; and Employee Wellness Screening
- Rest area for stress relief, migraine headaches, post seizure activity
- AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for CPR
- Confidential "talks"
- Assists with health related club activities when asked and time permits

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 take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.