

TEXARKANA COLLEGE

Syllabus: U.S. History 1301

Course Number: HIST 1301

Semester & Year: Fall 2020

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Textbook Information:

The American Journey by Goldfield, volume I, digital eBook or Books a la Carte (paper loose-leaf), 8th edition (2017-2020). A textbook is a necessary requirement for this course.

ISBN: 9780134102924

Also, the **STUDY QUESTION GUIDEBOOK** is located on the “Resources” portlet page.

Student Learning Outcomes for the Course:

This course is a historical review of political, economic, and social trends in the United States to 1877.

Learning Outcomes:

#1: The student will describe major developments in Native American culture.

#2: The student will identify reasons for European exploration and contact.

#3: The student will explain the characteristics of colonial culture.

#4: The student will distinguish the causes and effects of the American Revolution.

#5: The student will point out the challenges confronting the government and its leaders in the early years of the Republic.

#6: The student will explain the fundamentals of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy.

#7: The student will recognize the significance of the Industrial Revolution to American development.

#8: The student will understand how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War.

#9: The student will describe the course of the Civil War and identify its outcomes.

#10: The student will analyze the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation.

#11: The students will understand the use of historical evidence.

#12: The students will analyze and interpret Primary and Secondary sources.

Other Learning Outcomes/Objectives are listed in the Study Question Guidebook for the course.

Student Requirements for Completion of the Course:

Requirements for the course include the following:

Five Major Unit tests, five Take-Home tests, four Chapter terms & names, one Primary Source Document review, one Comprehensive Post-Test, and one Civics Awareness Exam.

Student Assessment:

You have the following possibilities for earning points:

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| (1) Five Major Unit Tests - | 500 total points |
| (2) Five Take-Home Tests - | 100 total points |
| (3) Four Chapter Terms & Names - | 40 total points |
| (4) One Primary Source Document Review- | 110 total points |
| (5) One Comprehensive Post-Test | 50 total points |
| (6) One Civics Awareness Exam - | 50 total points |
| | 850 total points |

There will be various ways to obtain Extra Bonus Points during the semester.

Grading Scale:

Grade	
A	850-765 points
B	764-680 points
C	679-595 points
D	594-510 points
F	510-below

Attendance/Absentee/Tardy Policy:

Texarkana College's policy allows Professors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. For this class, a student will be considered Tardy/Late after the start of class until fifteen (15) minutes after class begins. Three tardies will count as one absence. The student will be considered absent fifteen (15) minutes after the designated start time of class. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she may be considered absent. A student will be dropped from the course if absences exceed four (4) absences as stated by college policy.

Faculty members are not obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. The college institution is required to take attendance and experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

All students will sign-in each class day and a record will be kept for each student's attendance during the semester. You are responsible for your own attendance. Also, each student is required to have assignments completed the day that the assignments are due. The Professor reserves the right to drop students after (a) excessive absences, and/or (b) one or more Unit Exams not completed. However, dropping a class that you are failing or in danger of failing is your responsibility.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student may receive a grade of "F" in the class. The Professor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of "F" or "W". The last day to drop a course is **November 20**.

Withdrawal from a course(s) may affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

Excused Absences Policy:

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook.

These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the

student. Professors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Professors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual Professor's syllabus.

Maximum Allowable Absences:

After official registration, the following number of unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student may be dropped from the class. Again, a student will be dropped from this course if absences exceed four (4) absences.

Academic Classes:

Class or lab meets:

Once a week (Night classes or Friday classes) ----- 2 absences,
 Twice a week (MW or TR classes) ----- 4 absences,
 Three times a week (MWF or TRF classes) ----- 6 absences,
 Four times a week (MTWR classes) ----- 8 absences.
 Three tardies/late count as one absence.

Make-Up Policy:

According to the Texarkana College Student Rules and Regulations, all students are encouraged to attend class, especially on the day that exams and assignments are due. Faculty members are not obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. For this course, you may make-up only the first four major/unit tests as well as the Take-Home tests and chapters Terms & Names, but there is a time limit of for these make-ups. All MAKE-UP Tests (Testing Center) must be completed within three class days after the test is given in the classroom (ten points will be deducted automatically from each test unless there is an excused documented absence). Late Take-Home tests and chapter Terms & Names will only be accepted until the beginning of the next class period, with points being deducted for late work. If you foresee an absence, turn assignments in early. All other assignments and class activities for extra bonus points cannot be made-up if you are absent and no credit will be given for these assignments. There are no incompletes or dropping of the lowest test scores.

Please note: It is important for you to realize that there is a direct correlation between class attendance and success in a course. It is your responsibility to get the assignments and any course hand-outs for the next class period when you are absent. You must come by the Professor's office during posted office hours.

Academic Integrity Statement:

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F".

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

Disability Act Statement:

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

Financial Aid:

Attention! Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

Please Note:

This course syllabus is subject to revision. Any changes to this syllabus will be announced in class and online.

Classroom Policies: Etiquette/Classroom Courtesy/Conduct Behavior---

Your classroom experience is not just about passing classes, but preparing for a career in the professional world/work occupation. An employer wants to see a degree or certificate, not because they necessarily are concerned with your knowledge of some of the events from American History, Government, or other academic areas, but that you have proven endurance, organizational skills, and etiquette required to be a productive citizen and a valuable member within society. The following list provides not only a useful set of rules for class conduct, but more importantly lays groundwork for furthering the “professional skill set” for future growth in your work occupation.

The “professional skill set” includes being prepared, organized, operating on schedule, conducting one’s self professionally and cordially, working with others and working independently, meeting new challenges, and perhaps most importantly, **blaming yourself for your failures and recognizing others for your successes**. Successful people have a mindset that reminds them that everything you do and most of what happens to you are a result of **your choices**. We all have unfortunate circumstances, but it is how we handle these problems that set us apart from those who are not successful in the professional world.

The following are classroom policies which are structured with these “hidden rules” of the “professional culture” in mind.

- Class begins promptly. It is your responsibility to arrive before or at the start of class. Remember, you choose your schedule, so do not be late. Tardiness should almost never happen. **If you are late more than once, we will need to have a talk during my office hours --- “make time for this.”** Walking into class late is a major distraction and is disrespectful to those who get to class on time. Also, if a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she may be considered absent.
- **Remember, an emergency on your part does not necessarily constitute one on the class or the Professor.** Cars that do not start, children who are sick, a change of work schedule, an inability to wake up in the morning, not having materials for class, a failure to understand the course syllabus, the final exam schedule, and other similar problems should not be brought into the classroom. **If you need exceptions or adjustments, please see me during office hours or schedule an appointment.** I am very willing to work out alternate arrangements with students but I cannot fix these life problems.
- There will be a **zero tolerance policy for any behavior that is disruptive** of classroom learning. This includes use of vulgar language or rude behavior toward any student in the classroom or the Professor.

- Today's professional world expects everyone to be well versed in electronic device usage. While I would prefer no cell/iphone usage during class (and NEVER for talking or texting) , "limited usage" for class purposes such as eBook use will be allowed when permitted by the Professor. This also applies to tablets or laptops. During all other times, cell/iphones must be turned off and put away. If you have a legitimate/emergency reason for your cell/iphone to be out, you will be required to fill out a form and document your legitimate reason (but NEVER for talking or texting). Also, make sure that your iphone does not ring in class --- the student will be dropped from class after the second offense.
- While drinks with lids are acceptable, please **do not eat in class. Eating should be done before or after class.**
- While in the classroom, present means you are alert, prepared, and participating. Sleeping in class is distracting, disrespectful, and counterproductive. If you are going to sleep, stay at home. **If you sleep in class, I will ask you to leave and I will mark you absent for the day.**
- Students should make arrangements with the Professor in advance if they need to leave class before dismissal. However, these should be rare occurrences. Your college work should always be at or near the top of your priority list and rarely should other things override class time.
- Student responsibilities --- Students are expected to be familiar with navigating the Texarkana College Online Website located at <https://tconline.texarkanacollege.edu>
You are an adult learner and as such you are responsible for your own learning. No one else can be a "stand in" for you in the learning process. You will be held accountable for all assigned activities and exams. You must bring your "Study Question Guidebook" to class each day and use it.
- Your college courses are also part of your "work" just like at your workplace. Always put some "effort" into both.
- Classroom courtesy---- Personal courtesy is part of this classroom. That means that listening and responding will be consistently and courteously practiced. No student will engage in behavior that suggests a lack of respect for anyone in the class. Behavior that interferes with another student's learning will not be tolerated.

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****Following Thanksgiving break, all classes at the college will be taught through virtual and/or online course delivery (including final exams) for the remainder of the fall semester, November 30-December 14. No face to face classes will be held on campus during this time.****

Alternate Operations during Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website (www.texarkanacollege.edu (www.texarkanacollege.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

COVID-19 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

U. S. HISTORY 1301
 FALL 2020
 Professor – J. Stuart

Monday & Wednesday

9:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

Aug. 19	INTRODUCTION What is History?
Aug. 24	Begin on Chapter 1, "Worlds Apart: The New World & Old World"
Aug. 26-31	Begin on Chapter 2, "Transplantation: New World Colonies"
Sept. 7	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Sept. 9	Chapter 2 Take-Home Test due
Sept. 9-14	Begin on Chapter 3, "The Creation of New Worlds and Cultures"
Sept. 16	<u>TEST I:</u> Chapters 1, 2, & 3
Sept. 21-23	Begin on Chapter 4, "English Colonies in an Age of Empire, 1660s-1763"
Sept. 23	Chapter 4 Terms & Names due
Sept. 23-28	Begin on Chapter 5, "Imperial Breakdown: Background to the American Revolution, 1763-1774"
Sept. 28	Chapter 6 Take-Home Test due
Sept. 30-Oct.5	Begin on Chapter 6, "The War for Independence, 1774-1783"
Oct. 7	<u>TEST II:</u> Chapters 4, 5, & 6
Oct. 12-14	Begin on Chapter 7, "The First Republic, 1776-1789"
Oct. 14	Chapter 7 Terms & Names due
Oct. 14-19	Begin on Chapter 8, "A New Republic & the Rise of Parties, 1789-1800."
Oct. 19	Chapter 9 Take-Home Test due
Oct. 19-21	Begin on Chapter 9, "The Triumph & Collapse of Jeffersonian Republicanism, 1800-1824"
Oct. 26	<u>TEST III:</u> Chapters 7, 8, & 9
Oct. 28-Nov.2	Begin on Chapter 10, "The Jacksonian Era, 1824-1845"
Nov. 4	Chapter 12 Terms & Names due
Nov. 9	Chapter 11 Take-Home Test due
Nov. 2	<u>Deadline for Primary Source Review</u>
Nov.4- 9	Begin on Chapter 11, "Slavery & the Old South, 1800-1860" and Chapter 12, "The Market Revolution & Social Reform, 1815-1850."
Nov. 9-11	Begin on Chapter 13, "The Way West-Manifest Destiny"

Nov. 23-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS -----
Nov. 30-Dec.2	Continue on Chapters 14 & 15. Begin on Chapter 16, "Reconstruction, 1865-1877."
Nov. 30	<u>Civics Awareness Exam</u> --- T.B.A.
Dec. 2	
Dec. 9	<u>FINAL EXAM:</u> Chapters 14,15,& 16. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 8:00- 10:30 a.m.

*PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO REVISION. ANY CHANGES TO THIS SYLLABUS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS.

If you have any type of disability which requires assistance, please see the Professor as soon as possible during the first week of the semester.

Whenever you miss a class, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to see the Professor during office hours and NOT during class time to get handouts and other information. Also, when you miss an exam, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make arrangements with the Professor for all make-up exams within a three class day period.

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If the Professor is not in the office during these hours, please leave a message on the telephone answering machine or with the social science secretary, or send an e-mail message to the Professor.

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