

# History 120, US History to 1877, 3 credits

## Fall 2012 Syllabus

10667, MW, 10:15 - 11:40 am, Room 504

10669, MW, 11:50 am - 01:15 pm, Room 504

10670, MW, 01:30 – 02:55 pm, Room 504

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## Required Reading.

1. Text. Out of Many, A History of the American People, Vol. I, Faragher, Buhle, Czitrom, Armitage
2. The Figaro Trilogy, by Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais (author) and David Coward (translator)

**Introduction.** This course is a survey of American history from the pre-Columbian era to the end of the Reconstruction. This course will cover the major political, economic, social, gender, racial, cultural, and intellectual transformations of the colonial and early American eras. At the conclusion of the course, each student will have a broad understanding of the most important ideas, personalities, movements, and events in the colonial and early American periods.

## **SLO statement.**

**Students will be able to (1) identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film; (2) describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event; and (3) explain the significance of a historical text by the end of the course.**

In order to pass this class:

- **Attendance** is mandatory.
  - I will give pop quizzes occasionally, based on both the assigned reading and lectures. There are **no make-up quizzes**.
  - You will be graded on **participation**; to participate, you have to be there.
- Students are required to read the **assigned readings** prior to class.
- There will be a lot of **writing**, both in and out of class. You will be graded on both content and style. If you do not know how to write a coherent paragraph, you probably cannot pass this class. If you have not yet passed English 101, you may find the writing demands beyond your capability.
  - I won't struggle to find your point.
- All your essays must be organized, logical and specific; above all they must be clear. **Clarity** is a primary virtue in this class.
  - If your essays are disorganized or ambiguous, your grade for that essay starts at a C; points for content are then deducted as appropriate.
  - Moreover, for essays done in class, I won't struggle to read handwriting that is sloppy or illegible. If I can't read what you write, you don't get points for a correct answer.

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- The papers you do out of class must be polished. That usually entails several drafts.
- **On-line essays.** You must submit assigned essays to turnitin.com. The class ID# is: for #10667 (10:15-11:40), 5315202; for #10669 (11:50-1:15), 5315204; and for #10670 (1:30-2:55), 5315206. The class enrollment password is fisher. If you plagiarize (uncredited use of someone else's work and the representation of it as your own), you will receive **no** points for the assignment. If your essay is late, you lose points. Your grade on the essay is final; **no second tries**. If you have trouble submitting your essay, go to the library; they can help you there.

**Grades** will be based on a combination of quizzes, class participation, essays on the assigned readings, a mid-term, and a final.

**Test questions** will cover both lecture material and assigned readings and will consist of one or two essay questions.

- There are no make-up exams, unless you make arrangements with the instructor BEFORE the exam. Any uncoordinated, unexcused missed exam will result in a score of "0" for that exam.
- The tests are timed; if you are late for the exam, you do not get extra time to finish.
- You will need two bluebooks for this class. Purchase them at the college bookstore, and turn them in to me at least a week before the exam. You can't take the exam unless you have done this.

Participation	100 points
Quizzes will total up to	100 points
Essays (two of them) will total up to	100 points
Midterm and final will total up to	100 points

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### CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE AND ACADEMIC HONESTY

No electronic equipment will be allowed to be used in the classroom, including cell phones and computers, without permission of instructor. This is a college classroom; disruptive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. It is NOT OK to be late, sleep, talk, whisper, or do homework for another class. Class will end on time, so don't pack up early and disrupt the class. Leaving early will be considered a tardy. Leaving during films or lecture will also be considered a tardy. If you have to leave anytime during class, other than established break times, you must inform your instructor. Anyone who engages in this kind of behavior can be asked to leave class.



If you use a cell phone in class, you will lose half the participation points available for the semester.

A college education is supposed to be challenging. This class will require hard work. **Students must do their own work.** Looking on someone else's scantron or paper during a quiz or exam, handing in a paper you did not write (or with significant portions written by someone else), not properly citing the source of your ideas, quotes, or facts in a paper, discussing your answers to quizzes, and passing notes during exams, are all examples of cheating. Using the Internet for supplemental learning is allowed, but getting your source material for your research papers is not, because for the most part, historical information on the Internet cannot be trusted and must be supported by other sources. Anyone whom I determine to have cheated will receive a zero score on the exam or assignment. Repeated acts of cheating may lead to an "F" for the final course grade and/or college administrative disciplinary action. For a complete discussion of disciplinary procedures for academic dishonesty or other student misconduct, please refer to the current IVC General School Catalog.

**There is no extra credit.**

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (SDP & S) as soon as possible. DSP & S, Room 2117, Health Services Building (760) 355-6312.

### **CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS** Readings should be completed by the date assigned.

<b>August 20</b>	<b>Introduction</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapters 1 & 2
<b>August 22</b>	<b>Pre-Colonial</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Discovery</b>

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8/29 & 9/5	<b>Chesapeake</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapters 5 & 6
Sept. 10	<b>New England and the Carolinas</b>
Sept. 12, 17, 19	<b>Causes of the American Revolution</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapter 7
9/24, 26 & 10/1	<b>American Revolution</b>
October 1	First paper due today.
October 3	<b>U. S. Constitution</b>
October 8	<b>Mid-term Exam</b>
	Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapter 8
Oct. 10 & 15	<b>Federalists</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapters 9 & 12
Oct. 17 & 22	<b>Jeffersonians</b>
October 24	<b>Era of Good Feelings</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapters 11, 13 & 10
October 29	<b>Jacksonians</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapters 14 & 15
10/31 & 11/5, 7	<b>Causes of the Civil War</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapter 16
November 7	Second paper due today.
Nov. 14, 19, 21	<b>Civil War</b> Read: <u>Out of Many</u> , Chapter 17
Nov. 26 & 28	<b>Reconstruction</b>
December 3	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>