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HIST 203: HISTORY OF US

Course CRN #: HIST 307: 20406 Section: 01

Spring 2019

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: none

Course Time (if applicable): TR 12:30-1:45

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Course Description/Rationale: Welcome to History 203.1, a learning community focused on the history of America from European colonization to the end of the Civil War.

Course Management System (Blackboard/Moodle or other systems): Blackboard

Text requirements:

- *The American Yawp* (FREE online textbook) ([link](#))
- Selected primary sources (available on Blackboard)
- i>clicker 2 remote (available at the college bookstore)

Concord University Educational Goal(s) HIST 203 addresses several of Concord University's educational goals, but its primary emphasis is on

Skills (2): "An ability to employ appropriate observational, logical, analytical, computational, creative, and critical thinking skills in problem solving."

Specific Learning Outcomes

After taking this course, you will be able to:

- Explain the establishment of European colonies in North America.
- Analyze the English colonies' drive for independence.
- Understand the economic, political, and social development of the new nation.
- Identify the conflicts that led to the disruption of the Union.
- Explain how historians analyze the past in order to make judgments about the American experience.

Course Requirements

Grading Policy and Scale, Make-up Policy, Late Work

Chapter Quizzes: These quizzes provide you the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the assigned readings. Each quiz will take place at the beginning of class on Tuesday. I will drop the 2 lowest quiz scores. (20%)

History Labs: Historians do not complete exams for a living. The history labs will allow us to practice history like professional historians: we will think and write carefully, present our ideas to our peers, and collaborate to interpret critical events and sources in American history. For each history lab, each student will complete an analytical essay. In class on the following day we will meet in lab groups to discuss the prompt of the analytical essay and to create a group paper before the end of the class period. Each history lab is worth 100 points (60 points for the individual essay, 40 points for the group essay). Essay prompts and group membership is available on Blackboard. We will have 3 history labs throughout the semester, but I will drop your lowest score. (2 @ 25% each=50%)

Final Presentation: Each lab group will deliver a final presentation (10 minutes) on the day that the final exam is scheduled. Each group will have a different subject to investigate and present. (30%)

All assignments will be graded according to the following scale:

A: 100-90; B: 89-80; C: 79-70; D: 69-60; F: below 60

If a student must miss an in-class assignment, he or she must contact the instructor *before* the day of the assignment, or as soon as reasonably possible after the day of the assignment. Allowance of make-up work is at the discretion of the instructor. Any assignment that is not completed by the due date is penalized 10 points per day.

Course Timeline (Schedule of Assignments/Assessments/Presentations)

Tentative Schedule for all Sections of History 203

Spring 2019

Individual instructors may assign relevant chapters from *The American Yawp* and/or other assignments each week.

Week 1: 1/14-1/18

Introduction to class

Week 2: 1/21-1/25

(Mon 1/21 is MLK day, no class)

Old & New Worlds

American Yawp Ch. 1

Week 3: 1/28-2/1

Encounters

American Yawp Ch. 2

Week 4: 2/4-2/8

British North America

American Yawp Ch. 3

Thursday, 2/7: NO CLASS

Week 5: 2/11-2/15

Colonial Society

American Yawp Ch. 4

Week 6: 2/18-2/22

The Revolution

American Yawp Ch. 5

Tuesday, 2/19: History Lab 1 (individual) due (11:59 PM)

Thursday, 2/21 History Lab 1 (group) in class

Week 7: 2/25-3/1

The New Nation

American Yawp Ch. 6

Week 8: 3/4- 3/8

The Early Republic

American Yawp Ch. 7

Week 9: 3/11-3/15: Spring Break: No Class

Week 10: 3/18-3/22

The Market Revolution

American Yawp Ch. 8

Tuesday, March 19: History Lab 2 (individual) due (11:59 PM)

Thursday, March 21: History Lab 2 (group) in class

Week 11: 3/25-3/29

Democracy in America

American Yawp Ch. 9

Week 12: 4/1-4/5

Religion and Reform

American Yawp Ch. 10

Week 13: 4/8-4/12

American Slavery

American Yawp Ch. 11

Week 14: 4/15-4/19

The Sectional Crisis

American Yawp Ch. 13

Week 15: 4/22-4/26

The Civil War

American Yawp Ch. 14

Tuesday, 4/23: History Lab 3 (individual) due (11:59 PM)

Thursday, 4/25: History Lab 3 (group) in class

Week 16: 4/29 -5/03

Reconstruction

American Yawp Ch. 15

Final Exam Week: 5/6-5/10

Final Presentations: Thursday, 5/9 @ 11:30 AM

Accessibility/Accommodations:

Concord University is committed to responding to the needs of students with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please inform your instructor at the beginning of the class semester if you have a disability and are requesting accommodations. It is your responsibility to self-disclose that

you are requesting accommodations. The University and instructor will provide you with a reasonable accommodation. You should register with CU's Disability Services Office, located in the Athens campus Jerry and Jean Beasley Student Center, Bottom Floor, across from the Campus Post Office. The Disability Services Office phone is 304-384-6086 or you can email the Director,

Nancy Ellison, at nellison@concord.edu for assistance.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is morally unacceptable as well as destructive to the learning and teaching atmosphere. Academic dishonesty includes the giving or receiving of improper help on examinations or assignments, falsifying documents, and plagiarism (the act of stealing and using, as one's own, the ideas or the expression of the ideas of another). Such dishonesty can lead to a variety of penalties — including but not limited to failure of assignment, failure of course, loss of institutional privileges, or dismissal from the University. (See University Catalog Academic Policies and Procedures.)

Concord University Honor Code

A Concord University Honor Code was approved by students, staff, faculty, administration, and the CU Board of Governors. The Code states:

"As a member of the Concord University Community I will act with honesty and integrity in accordance with our fundamental principles and I will respect myself and others while challenging them to do the same."

The Honor Code is intended to unite the Concord community behind a culture of honesty, integrity, and civility.

Class/Online Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is part of a student's academic obligation at Concord. Irregular attendance may affect academic performance adversely and is detrimental to the atmosphere of a class. (See University Catalog Academic Policies and Procedures.) **A Student with an exemplary attendance record (2 unexcused absences or less) will receive a 3% bonus added to his or her course grade.** Instances of arriving late or leaving early will be counted as one-third of an absence. Students with excessive absences (determined at the discretion of the instructor) will be dropped from or fail the course.

Emergency Alert System

In an effort to increase safety and security on our campus, Concord University encourages everyone to register for instant text message alerts. Alerts will only be used for security and safety notices. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to receive text message alerts on their cell phones or email alerts. Please contact the IT Help Desk for further assistance (304-384-5291).

Emergency Information

Emergency/courtesy telephones are located at the main entrance of each residence hall and at various other locations on campus. Emergency telephones can be identified by the flashing blue light and will provide the user with a direct link to Public Safety at the press of a button. To report an on-campus emergency, call 304-384-5357 or 911. The Office of Public Safety is located on the bottom floor of the Rahall Technology Center. For further emergency information go to:

<http://www.concord.edu/administration/office-public-safety>.

Inclement Weather Policy

As a general policy, the University will remain in normal operations during adverse weather conditions. In the event of severe weather conditions, the following may occur:

University Closure

No students or employees are to report.

Classes Cancelled

Students do NOT report BUT employees are expected to report to work at their normal time.

Operating on an Inclement Weather Delay

Under this schedule, all 8 a.m. classes will start at 10 a.m. Students and faculty will follow the Inclement Weather Schedule. (See <http://www.concord.edu/emergency-alerts> for Athens/Beckley Inclement Weather Schedules.)

**Announcements invoking the late schedule or other options referenced above are aired on area radio and television stations and are sent as text and email messages to those enrolled for this service.*

Student Conduct

In classrooms, online, laboratories, and during any activities that are part of course requirements, students are expected to observe reasonable rules of conduct.

Sexual Harassment & Assault

Federal law, Title IX, and Concord University policy prohibits discrimination, harassment, and violence based on sex and gender (Including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and retaliation). If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can receive confidential counseling support through the Concord University Counseling Center (304-384-5290). Alleged Violations can be reported non-confidentially to the Concord University Title IX Coordinator at 304-384-6327 or titleix@concord.edu. Reports to Campus Security can be made at (304-384-5357). As an employee at Concord University, I am a mandatory reporter which means I must report any sexual misconduct I am made aware of. This includes verbal or written (such as in an assignment) disclosures of sexual harassment or sexual assault.

Technology Services

Contact the CU Help Desk at extension 5291 from campus or 304-384-5291 off campus. You may also e-mail cuhelpdesk@concord.edu.

Syllabus Disclaimer

"This syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class. Please check it regularly."

