



Syllabus: HIS 141 History of the United States

Course Information

Course Prefix/Number: HIS 141	Credit Hours: 3
Semester: Fall 2019	Course Title: History of the United States
Class Days/Times: Tuesday 12:20pm – 2:50pm	Room: IWK 24

Instructor Information:

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Course Description: Survey of the major developments in American History from the Columbian conquests to the Era of Reconstruction. Includes Colonial America, the Formative Years (1776-1815), the Early National Period (1815-1850), and the coming of the Civil War and its aftermath. Also includes the social, intellectual, and political aspects of early American life.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Discuss the shaping and establishing of American political systems.
2. Examine issues concerning philosophy of religion.
3. Evaluate the rise of American federal power and "Manifest Destiny."
4. Analyze the North /South dichotomy and the Civil War.

Course Structure:

This is a discussion-based class; Students are expected to attend class meetings prepared to engage in critical analysis of the materials / reading in class discussions. The course sessions will consist of lectures and discussion of readings, images, and videos, some, which will be exhibited on line. Students will be examined based on their comprehension of the readings, participation and preparation for small group discussions on particular topics, and application of themes / theory in their projects.

Texts and Materials: Zinn, Howard. *A People's History of the United States*. New York: HarperCollins Publisher (2003; 1980). Intro. Anthony Arnove (2005). Excerpts from: Hunt, Lynn. *History: Why It Matters*. Medford, MA: Polity Press (2018). Lepore, Jill. *These Truths: A History of the United States*. New York: WW Norton & Company (2018).

Evaluation and Grading & Assignments:

90 and above is an A
80 - 89 is a B
70 - 79 is a C
60 - 69 is a D
Under 60 is Failing

Your grade will be determined by the following:

4 Quizzes (100 pts ea) based on information from each of the textbooks. and from a selection of the additional readings.	400 points
Pop Quizzes covering terms and concepts from a selection of readings and class discussions (total of 50 points possible)	100 points
Preliminary Annotated bibliography and Presentation Proposal	100 points
1 Individual Presentation on a topic from the course readings	100 points
2 Response Papers 4 to 5 pages each; (MLA Style; 12 font; double space)	200 points
Attendance and Participation (including being present for other student's presentations)	100 points

Himdag Cultural Component:

1. Our core beliefs *T-Wohocudadag* will strengthen through the knowledge of Indigenous history, and other people and cultures from pre Contact to the present.
2. *T-Apedag*: Reflecting on the culture and well- being of others, particularly in the area of physical and spiritual health and healing practices, provides us an additional way to reflect on our own historical place and cultural practices.
3. *T-Pi:K Elida* for the land, the people living in our surroundings and ourselves will be demonstrated by reading, discovering, and interrelating the experiences of all Americans, indigenous and immigrant. Their historic inter relationships transformed all cultures living on North American land.
4. Working with other classmates provides the opportunity to share skills with each other. The way we share with each other, is reflected by the way in which core issues are discussed and shared between and among various groups; *I-We:mta*

Policies and Expectations:

Preparation for Class Discussion: Students must read the material and access any videos prior to the class in which they will be discussed.
Email: Students must check their TOCC email daily as this is the way I will contact you.
Cell Phone: No cell phone use is allowed during class.

Academic Integrity / Plagiarism:

Violations of scholastic ethics are considered serious offenses by Tohono O'odham Community College, the Student Services Department, and by your instructor. Students may consult the TOCC Student Handbook sections on student code of conduct, on scholastic ethics and on the grade appeal procedure. Copies are available at Tohono O'odham Community College.

All work done for this class must be your own, or the original work of your group. While you may discuss assignments with other class members, the final written project must clearly be original. You may use work from books and other materials if it is properly cited. Copying from a book without proper reference or from a person under any circumstances will result in an "F" for the assignment, and at the instructor's discretion, possibly an "F" for the course. If you are uncertain about proper citations ask your instructor or the librarian.

Attendance Policy

You are expected to arrive to class on time and be prepared to participate in each class period. Four unexcused absences may result in withdrawal and a "W" or "Y" will be recorded. You may request to be excused from class for religious observances and practices, for illness, for school or work-related travel or for personal or family emergency. If you will be absent, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Incomplete Policy

Incomplete (I) grades are not awarded automatically. The student must request an "I" from the instructor who can choose to award an Incomplete only if all three of the following conditions are met:

1. The student must be in compliance with the attendance policy.
2. There must be an unavoidable circumstance that would prohibit the student from completing the course.
3. The student must have completed over 75% of the course requirements with at least a "C" grade.

Incompletes are not a substitute for incomplete work due to frequent absences or poor academic performance. Incomplete grades that are not made up by the end of the ninth week of the following semester will be automatically changed to an F if the agreed upon work, as stipulated on the written form signed by the instructor and the student when the I grade is awarded, is not completed.

Instructor Withdrawals

Students who have missed four consecutive classes (or the equivalent) not submitted any assignments nor taken any quizzes by the 45th day census report, due on [date of 45th day found in Academic Calendar on TOCC website] are assumed NOT to be participating in the class and may be withdrawn at the faculty member's discretion.

Student Withdrawals

Students may withdraw from class at any time during the first 2/3 of the semester without instructor permission and without incurring any grade penalty. Please be sure to withdraw yourself by [withdrawal deadline date found in Academic

Calendar on TOCC website] if you do not expect to complete the class, otherwise you may receive an "F" grade.

Special Withdrawal (Y) Grade

The "Y" grade is an administrative withdrawal given at the instructor's option when no other grade is deemed appropriate. Your instructor must file a form stating the specific rationale for awarding this grade. "Y" grades are discouraged since they often affect students negatively. Your instructor will not award a "Y" grade without a strong reason

Reasonable Disability Accommodations (Americans with Disabilities Act):

TOCC seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all qualified individuals with disabilities. The College will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to provide an equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to make known to the instructor his or her specific needs in order to determine reasonable accommodations. We will work together in order to develop an Accommodation Plan specifically designed to meet the individual student's requirements.

Title IX

Tohono O'odham Community College faculty and all staff are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive campus. Title IX and our school policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex- this includes sexual misconduct; harassment, stalking, domestic and dating violence and sexual assault.

Sexual discrimination and sexual violence can undermine students' academic success and quality of life on campus and beyond. We encourage students who have experienced any form of sexual misconduct to talk about their experience and seek the support they need.

Confidential support and academic advocacy can be found with: Student Services

Course Outline: Important Dates

August 19.	Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day; College Closed
September 3	Drop/ Full Refund Deadline
September 30-October 3	O'odham Tas; College Closed
September 30-October 3	Fall Break; No Classes
October 3	45 Day Census
November 4	Withdrawal Deadline
November 11	Veteran's Day; College Closed
November 28, 29	Thanksgiving Holiday; College Closed
December 9-13	Last Week of Classes
December 17	Final Grades Due
December 25-January 1	Winter Break; College Closed

We will focus on the histories of Americans including Native Americans, African

Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and White Americans through various documents and texts.

1. Course Overview; Film *Many Rivers to Cross*
2. Columbus through the Civil War Period Quiz 1
3. Robber Barons through the First World War Quiz 2
4. The Socialist Challenge through the 1960s Quiz 3
5. The 1970s through the First African American President Quiz 4

Preliminary Reading Schedule

We will begin with reading the Introduction through page 251 in Zinn. *A People's History* and selected excerpts from other readings TBA.

DISCLAIMER: This syllabus is designed to evolve and change throughout the semester based on class progress and interests. You will be notified of any changes as they occur.

Course Policies:

- 1) Students are expected to attend each class., arriving on time, except in the case of an excused emergency.

Classroom Behavior

- Visitors may be only allowed at class sessions or on field trips with instructor approval, visitor's safety and behavior are the responsibility of the student.
- Possession of drugs, alcohol or firearms on college property is illegal.
- Food and beverages are allowed in classrooms at discretion of the instructor.
- Cellphones should be turned off during class, unless there is a compelling reason such as emergency contact may be necessary. In this case cell phones should be mute.
- Students creating disturbances that interfere with the conduct of the class or the learning of others will be asked to leave.
- Student behavior is also detailed in student handbook under Student Code of Conduct Violations

Make-up policy:

Late assignments that can be made up will be accepted but will be penalized 25%. Laboratories cannot be made up except in the case of college closure. At the instructor's discretion, extra credit opportunities and optional activities may be provided.

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Course Feedback:

All assignments will be graded and returned to the students promptly, typically within a week after the assignment is closed for handing in. E-mail and phone messages will be returned within two days. A student or the instructor may request a student conference at any time during the semester. Quarterly grade reports will be provided to each student, either in person, by email or via the electronic system of Canvas.