HIST 2700: THE U.S. TO 1877

COURSE INFO
BU C 105
T Th 12:25-1:45

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES
This is a survey course that weaves together social, cultural, and political themes. It considers the importance of Native American, European, and African populations in American history; the rise of Atlantic and imperial influences; the independence movement and the nation-building process; the diverging trajectories of North and South; the Civil War and Reconstruction. Its most important objective is to discover the patterns that give this history its meaning.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
At the end of this semester, students will:

• Know the basic narrative of US history from colonization through Reconstruction;
• Identify competing interpretations of major developments in early American history;
• Recognize connections among political, economic, social, and cultural developments;
• Read, interpret, and discuss primary and secondary sources;
• Write a well-crafted historical argument;
• Understand how to present the subject of this class in primary and secondary classrooms.

John White, The Village of Secoton (1585)
READINGS

There is one required book for this course:

*Be sure you get the 9th edition. Earlier editions are significantly different in their content.*

![Book Cover](image)

Additional readings and images will be posted to Canvas throughout the semester and are identified on the course schedule below.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

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Reading quizzes will be posted in Canvas. You will receive further information and instructions about the midterm and final essays and the Image/Object research assignment in class.

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# COURSE SCHEDULE
Please complete readings BEFORE class on the day they’re listed.

## Week One: Foundations of Colonization

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<td>Aug. 20</td>
<td>Introduction; Colliding worlds</td>
<td><em>America’s History</em>, Part 1 intro and ch. 1, pp. 2-34.</td>
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<td>Aug. 22</td>
<td>The colonial matrix; Pocahontas</td>
<td>Canvas: Who Was Pocahontas?</td>
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## Week Two: Anglo-American Origins

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<td>Aug. 29</td>
<td>Witchcraft: Salem and beyond</td>
<td>Canvas: Susanna Martin, Accused Witch.</td>
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## Week Three: Transitions

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<td>Sept. 3</td>
<td>From colonies to empire</td>
<td><em>America’s History</em>, Part 2 intro and ch. 3, pp. 72-109.</td>
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<td>Sept. 5</td>
<td>Plantation colonies and chattel slavery</td>
<td>Canvas: Virginia Slave and Servant Codes.</td>
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## Week Four: The British Atlantic World

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<td>Sept. 12</td>
<td>Awakening and enlightenment</td>
<td>Canvas: Spiritual Autobiographies.</td>
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## Week Five: Imperial Wars

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<td>Sept. 17</td>
<td>The Second Hundred Years’ War in Europe and North America</td>
<td><em>America’s History</em>, ch. 4, part two, pp. 132-141.</td>
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Sept. 19    Indian kings and Indian warriors  
            Canvas: Indian Speeches and Portraits.

**Week Six: Empire and Independence**

Sept. 24    Imperial reform, colonial resistance  
            *America’s History*, Part 3 intro and ch. 5, pp. 142-177.  
            Reading quiz (due midnight 9/23)

Sept. 26    War of independence  
            Canvas: Declarations of Stamp Act Congress (1765) and Independence (1776)

**Week Seven: Revolution?**

Oct. 1      Patriots and Loyalists  
            *America’s History*, ch. 6, 178-213.  
            Reading quiz (due midnight 9/30)

Oct. 3      Constituting governments  
            Canvas: Constitutions

**Week Eight: Fall Break**

**Week Nine: Creating a Nation**

Oct. 15     Implementing the Constitution  
            Reading quiz (due midnight 10/14)  
            MIDTERM ESSAY DUE IN CANVAS.

Oct. 17     The first party system  
            Canvas: Hamilton and the Naturalization Act of 1790

**Week Ten: Economy and Society**

Oct. 22     The cotton complex and the antebellum North  
            *America’s History*, Part 4 intro and ch. 8, pp. 248-287.  
            Reading quiz (due midnight 10/21)

Oct. 24     The antebellum South  
            Canvas: Fitzhugh and Olmsted
### Week Eleven: The Democratic Revolution

Oct. 29  The significance of Andrew Jackson  
*America’s History*, ch. 9, pp. 288-321.  
Reading quiz (due midnight 10/28)

Oct. 31  Catholics, Native Americans, Free Blacks: the problem of diversity  
Canvas: The problem of diversity

### Week Twelve: Religion and Reform

Nov. 5  Transcendentalism, perfectionism, Mormonism  
*America’s History*, ch. 10, pp. 322-353.  
Reading quiz (due midnight 11/4)  
**IMAGE/OBJECT FIRST DRAFT DUE.**  
**Student Presentations I**

Nov. 7  Abolition and women’s rights  
Canvas: David Walker and Sarah Grimké  
**Student Presentations II**

### Week Thirteen: North, South, West

Nov. 12  Imperial ambitions  
*America’s History*, ch. 11, pp. 354-385.  
Reading quiz (due midnight 11/11)  
**Student Presentations III**

Nov. 14  Section and nation  
*America’s History*, Part 5 intro and ch. 12, pp. 386-425.  
Reading quiz (due midnight 11/13)  
**Student Presentations IV**

### Week Fourteen: The Radical North

Nov. 19  Dred Scott, Anthony Burns, John Brown  
Canvas: Paintings of John Brown  
**Student Presentations V**

Nov. 21  No class. Thanksgiving.

### Week Fifteen: The Civil War

Nov. 26  Secession and mobilization  
*America’s History*, ch. 13, pp. 426-461.  
Reading quiz (due midnight 11/25)
Student Presentations VI

Nov. 28
The culture of death
Canvas: Civil War photographs

Week Sixteen: Rebuilding the Nation

Dec. 3
The politics of reconstruction
Reading quiz (due midnight 12/2)
**IMAGE/OBJECT FINAL DRAFT DUE.**

Dec. 5
African American experiences
Canvas: Images of African American life under Reconstruction

**FINAL EXAM: Thursday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in our regular classroom. Please bring a blue book.**

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

*Attendance and Participation*
You must attend class and come prepared to discuss the assigned materials. Involvement in discussions and lectures is integral to the learning experience of the course. I will not take roll, but I will note frequent absences and factor them into your grade.

*Technology*
Please silence your cell phones during class. Laptops and tablets should be used only to take notes or access course materials. Do not surf the internet, check email, update your Facebook page, or perform other operations unrelated to the course.

*Academic Assistance*
If you want additional help, please contact the University Writing Center ([https://writingcenter.utah.edu/](https://writingcenter.utah.edu/)) and/or the ASUU Tutoring Center ([https://tutoringcenter.utah.edu/](https://tutoringcenter.utah.edu/)).

*Disabilities*
The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services. CDS will help arrange for accommodations. All information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to CDS. [http://disability.utah.edu/](http://disability.utah.edu/).
**Student Wellness**
Personal concerns such as stress, anxiety, relationship difficulties, depression, and cross-cultural differences can interfere with a student’s ability to succeed and thrive. For helpful resources contact the Center for Student Wellness: [www.wellness.utah.edu](http://www.wellness.utah.edu).

**Content Accommodations**
Some of the materials in this course may conflict with the core beliefs of some students. Please review the syllabus carefully and, if you have a concern, discuss it with me at your earliest convenience. For more information, consult the University of Utah’s Accommodations Policy: [http://academic-affairs.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2015/03/accommodations-policy.pdf](http://academic-affairs.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2015/03/accommodations-policy.pdf).

**Academic Misconduct**
No cheating. Details here: [http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php](http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php). Academic misconduct will result in a failing assignment, and possibly a failing grade in the class. You will also be entered in a campus-wide database. The College of Humanitie3s has a “2-strikes” policy. If you have been caught before, you will fail this class. If you have failed a class before for academic misconduct and do it again, the college will initiate proceedings to expel you.

**University Safety**
The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, call campus police at 801-585-COPS (801-585-2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit [https://safeu.utah.edu/](https://safeu.utah.edu/).

**Addressing Sexual Misconduct**
Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran’s status or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 135 Park Building, 801-581-8365, or the Office of the Dean of Students, 270 Union Building, 801-581-7066. For support and confidential consultation, contact the Center for Student Wellness, 426 SSB, 801-581-7776. To report to the police, contact the Department of Public Safety, 801-585-2677(COPS).

**Faculty Responsibilities**
I am here to help you learn. Please feel free to talk to me after class, during office hours, or during an alternative appointment. Outside of the classroom, email is the best way to reach
me. I WILL SEE EMAILS SENT TO MY CAMPUS ADDRESS MUCH SOONER THAN I WILL SEE MESSAGES SENT WITHIN CANVAS.

Note
This syllabus is not a binding contract; it may be modified by the instructor when students are given reasonable notice of the modification.