

**U.S. HISTORY I – F201**  
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**Semester – Spring 2017**

**CRN - 1154**

**Online – 3 Credits**

**Textbook** – The Unfinished Nation, Alan Brinkley, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Catalog Description**

Students will study the development of British North America from the establishment of the first colonies to the founding of the United States with an emphasis on the nature of immigration, slavery, and overall themes of colonialism. Likewise, students will explore United States development from the early days of the republic through the Civil War with a focus on regional development and Westward Expansion. This is a “D” course.

**Learning Expectations**

- ❖ The nature of this course is such that you will learn by completing both individual work and by collaborating, through the Discussion Forum, with your classmates.
- ❖ Assigned readings must be completed thoroughly as they will provide the basis for weekly discussions and written assignments.
- ❖ You are expected to log on to the course frequently for any course updates and to complete your requirements by the deadlines each week.
- ❖ If you are experiencing any difficulties, it is your responsibility to inform me as soon as possible.
- ❖ Any BlackBoard or other technical issues must be referred to the appropriate department at MxCC

**Course Requirements**

- ❖ Download the Syllabus – read completely to insure you understand course expectations in advance of due dates!
- ❖ Make sure you have the textbook – if you are waiting, collaborate with a classmate to get the information you need. Late work will not be accepted due to lack of textbook!
- ❖ Weekly assignments consist of a Discussion Forum and Weekly Essay Questions. The Mid Term and Final Exams are in PPT format. Dates are outlined in the syllabus – any changes will be communicated through the Announcements.
- ❖ All work must be submitted to the proper portal, do not submit any work by email!

**Evaluation Methods**

❖ <b>Weekly Discussions</b>	<b>(10pts/week)</b>	<b>130 points</b>
❖ <b>Weekly Essay Questions</b>	<b>(60 pts/week)</b>	<b>780 points</b>
❖ <b>Mid-Term Project</b>		<b>100 points</b>
❖ <b>Final Project</b>		<b><u>100 points</u></b>
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>1110 points</b>

### **Weekly Discussion Forum**

- ❖ Weekly topics are available each Monday at 12:01 am
  - Initial student post should be completed by Wednesday of each week so that others can interact on a high level with you (and you with them!)
  - Initial post and feedback to two classmates is due by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. each week
  - Topics are contained within the Weekly Discussion portion of BlackBoard
- ❖ Late submissions (past midnight of each week) will **not** be accepted due to the nature of the Discussion Forum and the Discussion Forum will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday
- ❖ Students are expected to read the weekly Discussion Topic located within the online Discussion Forum and then answer one of the Understand, Analyze and Evaluate questions located within the chapter assigned for that week (except for Week 1). Students will then interact with their classmates in this forum by discussing at least two others responses (not necessarily the question they answered). The initial post is worth 6 points and 2 points are awarded for each (minimum of 2) discussion portion for a total of 10 points each week.

### **Weekly Essays - RECALL AND REFLECT**

- ❖ There will be a total of three essay questions each week – questions are located at the end of each chapter under the heading RECALL AND REFLECT. There are 5 and you will choose three to answer. Essays are worth 20 points each for a total of 60 points each week.
- ❖ Submissions must be in proper essay format, grammatically correct, and no spelling errors (use spell-check!). All parts of each question must be answered using information from the chapter but you may also use outside sources if you cite the source. These are essay questions and must be submitted as such.
- ❖ Submit your file in .doc, .docx or .rtf format only or cut and paste into the text area
- ❖ **The deadline for essay submission is Sunday, 11:59 p.m.** Late submissions will be accepted but there will be full grade deduction.

### **Mid-term and Final PowerPoint Presentation**

- ❖ The format of the Mid-Term and Final will be a PowerPoint project with multiple components. Directions are available in the correct assignment portal.

### **Course Dates and Weekly Assignments**

#### **Week 1, Jan 19 – Jan 29**

**Introduction to Class  
Chapter 2 – Transplantations and Borderlands**

#### **Week 2, Jan 30 – Feb 5**

**Chapter 3 – Society and Culture in Provincial America**

#### **Week 3, Feb 6 – Feb 12**

**Chapter 4 – The Empire in Transition**

<u>Week 4, Feb 13 – Feb 19</u>	Chapter 5 – The American Revolution
<u>Week 5, Feb 20 – Feb 26</u>	Chapter 6 – The Constitution and the New Republic
<u>Week 6, Feb 27 – March 5</u>	Chapter 7 – The Jeffersonian Era
<u>Week 7, March 6 – March 12</u>	Chapter 8 – Varieties of American Nationalism
<u>March 13 – March 19</u>	Spring Break – no class
<u>Week 8, March 20 – March 26</u>	Mid-Term PowerPoint Presentation
<u>Week 9, March 27 – April 2</u>	Chapter 9 – Jacksonian America
<u>Week 10, April 3 – April 9</u>	Chapter 10 – America's Economic Revolution
<u>Week 11, April 10 – April 16</u>	Chapter 11 – Cotton, Slavery, and the Old South
<u>Week 12, April 17 – April 23</u>	Chapter 12 – Antebellum Culture and Reform
<u>Week 13, April 24 – April 30</u>	Chapter 13 – The Impending Crisis
<u>Week 14, May 1 – May 7</u>	Chapter 14 – The Civil War
<u>Week 15, May 8 – May 14</u>	Final PowerPoint Presentation

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