

**History 2111 U.S. History to 1865
Spring 2012**

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Course Meetings: This class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1-1:50 in Pafford, Room 206

Learning Outcomes: History 2111 examines major developments and themes in American History from the pre-Columbian era through the end of the U.S. Civil War. The course has several learning outcomes: Students will demonstrate the ability to think historically through understanding of the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of U.S. History; comprehension of causal relationships and patterns of change and continuity over time; and awareness of the social significance of ethnicity, gender, race, and class in historical events and study. Classroom assignments will also help students hone critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students will be evaluated using scheduled tests, unscheduled quizzes, and classroom discussions.

Grading/Course Requirements

1st Test/Midterm- 33% of grade

2d Test/Final Exam- 33% of grade

Quizzes- 34% of grade

There is no extra credit offered in this course.

Tests- These will cover material from classroom lectures and assigned texts. The format will be announced in class.

Quizzes- Unannounced quizzes will be given throughout the semester on material from the assigned texts.

Makeup tests & quizzes- Makeups will be given only under emergency circumstances. Students who miss an assignment must provide the instructor with a written excuse from a doctor, coach, etc. explaining the absence. Students with valid excuses will have one week from the time they return to class to make up assignments, after which time they will be given a zero.

Class participation and discussion- Students are encouraged to ask and answer questions in class. Class participation can only help your final grade in the course and will be taken into consideration at the end of the semester in the case of students with borderline grades.

Attendance- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class period. Students who enter class late will not be allowed to sign the roll at the end of class. Students who need to leave during class must provide an excuse to the instructor before the class begins. Anyone who leaves during class without providing an excuse will be marked absent and receive a zero on that day's assignment, even if the student has completed the assignment.

Student attendance will be examined at the end of the semester in the case of students with borderline course grades. Students who are absent should get lecture notes from a classmate.

Cheating- Cheating in any form (including plagiarism- presenting someone else's words as your own without citing them) will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an F on that assignment and possibly an F in the course.

Ayers, Gould, Oshinsky, & Soderland, American Passages, A History of the United States Volume One: To 1877 Brief Edition

Maddox, Robert J., Annual Editions American History Vol. I (21st Edition)

Rowlandson, Mary, The Sovereignty and Goodness of God

Douglass, Frederick, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Alcott, Louisa May, Hospital Sketches

Weekly Assignments Note: All chapter references are to Ayers, et al., American Passages

Week 1- Jan. 9-13 Introduction

Week 2- Jan 16-20 Chapters 2-3, Annual Editions, Articles 1, 2, 3 No class on Jan. 16 (MLKJ Holiday)

Week 3- Jan 23-27 Chapter 4 Annual Editions, Articles 4, 5, 6

Week 4- Jan 30-Feb 3 Chapter 5, Quiz over Rowlandson, Sovereignty and Goodness of God on Friday, Feb. 3

Week 5- Feb 6-10 Chapter 6, Annual Editions, Articles 11, 13, 14, 15

Week 6- Feb 13-17 Chapter 7

Week 7- Feb 20-24 Chapter 8, Annual Editions Articles 21, 22, 23 due Wednesday, Feb 22 No class on Friday, Feb 24

Week 8- Feb 27-March 2, Chapter 9 Annual Editions Articles 24, 25, 26

Week 9- March 5-9 Chapter 10 **Midterm on Friday, March 9**

Week 10 March 12-16 Chapter 11 Quiz on Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass on Friday, March 16

March 19-23 Spring Break

Week 11 March 26-30 Chapter 12

Week 12 April 2-6 Chapter 13, Online readings (instructions for gaining access to these through the UWG Library website will be given out in class)

Week 13 April 9-13 Chapter 14 Articles 34, 35, 38

Week 14 April 16-20 Quiz over Alcott, Hospital Sketches, on Wednesday, April 18 Last day of class is Friday, April 20

Final Exam is Wednesday, April 25, 11-11:30 a.m.