Jacksonian America  
History 4454  Spring 2016

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This course meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11-11:52 a.m. in Room 208, Pafford
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History 4454 examines the major themes and subjects in United States history
time period and recognize that historical subjects are often
matters of controversy among scholars.

Course Requirements
Midterm- 25%
Final Exam- 25%
Response Papers (in class)- 25%
Book Reviews- 25%
There will be no extra credit offered in this course.

Midterm and Final Exam- The midterm and final exam will cover material from the assigned readings and lectures.

Response Papers- There will be several analytical papers written in class throughout the semester in response to weekly assigned readings.

Book Reviews- Students will turn in typed (12 point font), critical essays that are 3-5 pages in length on three of the assigned books (Watson, Sheriff, Greenberg). All papers must utilize proper endnote or footnote citations in accordance with Kate Turabian’s Manual for Writers of Term Papers . . . (based on the Chicago Manual). If a paper does not follow this format for footnotes or endnotes, it will be returned without a grade and
the student given one chance to make revisions. The Turabian style is explained at http://www.libs.uga.edu/ref/turabian.html

Students needing assistance with writing are encouraged to turn in early drafts of papers and/or take them to the UWG Writing Center: http://www.westga.edu/~writing

Late policy and makeup assignments- All assignments must be turned in during class on the day they are due or they will be considered late. One letter grade will be deducted per day for all assignments turned in late.

   Makeup assignments will be given only under emergency circumstances. Students taking a makeup assignment must have a written excuse explaining their absence from class.

Attendance- Regular attendance is critical to earning a passing grade in this course. Attendance will be taken on a daily basis and will be considered at the end of the semester in assigning course grades. If a student misses class, it is his/her responsibility to find out what was missed.

   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 will receive a grade of zero on any assignment given that day, even in the student completed the assignment.

Cheating- I expect every student to read and comply with the University of West Georgia policies on Academic Honor and Academic Dishonesty, found in the student handbook. Cheating in any form (including plagiarism- presenting someone else’s words as your own without properly citing them) will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an F on the assignment and possibly an F in the course.

Assigned texts  (Note: Students purchasing the books from the campus bookstore are encouraged to do so early in the semester.)

Cain, William E., ed. William Lloyd Garrison and the Fight Against Slavery

Greenberg, Amy, A Wicked War

Sheriff, Carol, Artificial River

Tocqueville, Alexis de, Democracy in America

Wallace, Anthony, The Long Bitter Trail

Watson, Harry L. Liberty and Power
NOTE: All readings that are not listed above have been placed online. Directions on gaining access to the online readings will be handed out during the first week of class. Please contact me if you have any problems with the online readings. Unless otherwise stated, the weekly reading assignments are due on Fridays.

Schedule of Class Meetings and Assignments

Week 1  Jan. 11-15  Background to Jacksonian America

Week 2  Jan. 18-22  Politics of Jacksonian America  Altina Waller, “Peggy Eaton and Andrew Jackson: A Presidential Scandal”  No class on Jan. 18 (MLKJ Holiday)


Week 4  Feb. 1-5  Politics of Jacksonian America  Andrew Jackson’s “Veto of the Bank Bill” and “Farewell Address,” Henry Clay’s “On the American System,” and “Henry Clay, Ideologue of the Center” from Daniel W. Howe, Political Culture of the American Whigs

Week 5  Feb. 8-12  Growth of the Old South & Slavery  BOOK REVIEW of Watson, Liberty and Power due Feb. 12


Week 8  Feb. 29-Mch. 4  Rise of Abolitionism  Cain, William Lloyd Garrison, due Friday, March 4

Week 9  March 7-11  The Market Revolution  NOTE: MIDTERM on Friday, March 11

March 14-18  Spring Break

Week 10  March 21-25  The Market Revolution contd.  BOOK REVIEW of Sheriff, Artificial River, due Friday, March 25
Week 11 March 28-April 1  Immigration/Foreign observers of Jacksonian American Toqueville, *Democracy in America*, due  Friday, April 1

Week 12 April 4-8  Indian Removal,  Wallace, *Long, Bitter Trail* due on Fri, April 8

Week 13 April 11-15 Manifest Destiny  Greenberg, *A Wicked War*, Parts 1 and 2

Week 14 April 18-22  The Mexican War and the End of an Age  Greenberg, *A Wicked War*  Parts 3 and 4 & BOOK REVIEW DUE  Last day of class is Friday, April 22

FINAL EXAM  is Friday, April 29, 11-1:30 in Pafford, Room 208