

## AMERICAN HISTORY TO THE CIVIL WAR ERA

University of Wisconsin-Madison

FALL SEMESTER 1992

History 101

Section 1: T,Th (11am-12:15pm)

Humanities Bldg., Room 1111

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A prominent historian recently observed that "American history at its best remains . . . an ongoing mode of collective self-discovery about the nature of our society." In that spirit, this course explores the diversity of the colonial experience; the origins, nature, and consequences of the American Revolution; the evolution of a unique republic; the growth of religious pluralism; economic development; continental expansion and sectionalism; slavery and race relations; the changing status and roles of women; social reform; the Civil War; and Reconstruction.

This is a four-credit course with two lectures (75 minutes each) and a discussion section (50 minutes) each week. Principal written work includes two in-class exams, one short paper based on assigned readings, and a final exam.

### REQUIRED READINGS:

NOTE: These titles are available for purchase at the University Bookstore on State Street.

Copies are also on three-hour reserve at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Helen C. White Library.)

Unger, Irwin. These United States: The Questions of Our Past (5th edition, 1992), vol. 1.

Gorn, Elliot J., et al. Constructing the American Past: A Source Book of a People's History, vol. 1 (1991).

Cronon, William. Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecology of New England (1983).

Nichols, Roger L. Black Hawk and the Warrior's Path (1992).

Kasserman, David R. Fall River Outrage: Life, Murder, and Justice in Early Industrial New England (1986).

Joyner, Charles. Remember Me: Slave Life in Coastal Georgia (1989).

### CLASS SCHEDULE:

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| Sept. 3  | Introductory Session                                |
| Sept. 8  | A World Apart: The Americas Before European Contact |
| Sept. 10 | The Old World: Europe and Africa                    |
| Sept. 15 | Guest Lecture                                       |
| Sept. 17 | The Development of European Empires                 |

- Sept. 22 Early English Expansion  
 Sept. 24 The Chesapeake in the Seventeenth Century
- Sept. 29 Puritan New England  
 Oct. 1 A Land of Diversity: The Colonies in the Eighteenth Century
- Oct. 6 Head and Heart: Enlightenment and Awakening  
 Oct. 8 The Imperial Connection
- Oct. 13 EXAM NO. 1  
 Oct. 15 The Revolutionary Crisis
- Oct. 20 The War for Independence  
 Oct. 22 Creation of the American Republic
- Oct. 27 Launching the Experiment in Republicanism  
 Oct. 29 Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of Liberty
- Nov. 3 The Contagion of Liberty and the Problem of Slavery  
 Nov. 5 The Transportation Revolution and the Birth of Industry
- Nov. 10 EXAM NO. 2  
 Nov. 12 Jacksonian Democracy
- Nov. 17 Women's Sphere  
 Nov. 19 Religion and Reform
- Nov. 24 The Black Experience in Antebellum America
- PAPER DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS -- the topic will be handed out Nov. 19
- Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING VACATION
- Dec. 1 The Rise of Political Abolitionism  
 Dec. 3 Expansion, War, and Compromise
- Dec. 8 The 1850s: Decade of Crisis  
 Dec. 10 The Civil War
- Dec. 15 Reconstruction: An American Tragedy

DISCUSSION SECTIONS:

Each student should be preregistered for one of the following discussion sections:

- Tuesdays -- 3:30 pm, 2261 Humanities  
 Wednesdays -- 9:55 am, 2241 Humanities  
 -- 11:00 am, 2241 Humanities  
 Thursdays -- 9:55 am, 226 Noland  
 -- 1:20 pm, 2241 Humanities

**READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR DISCUSSION SECTIONS:****WEEK OF:**

- Sept. 7 Unger, These United States, chap. 1  
Gorn et al., Constructing the American Past, pp. xvii-xxxviii and chap. 1
- Sept. 14 Cronon, Changes in the Land
- Sept. 21 Unger, chap. 2  
Gorn, chap. 2
- Sept. 28 Unger, chap. 3  
Gorn, chap. 3
- Oct. 5 Unger, chap. 4 (pp. 83-94)  
Gorn, chap. 4
- Oct. 12 Unger, chap. 4 (pp. 94-113)  
Gorn, chap. 5
- Oct. 19 Unger, chaps. 5-6  
Gorn, chap. 6
- Oct. 26 Unger, chaps. 7-8  
Nichols, Black Hawk and the Warrior's Path
- Nov. 2 Unger, chap. 9  
Gore, chap. 8
- Nov. 9 Unger, chaps. 10 and 12
- Nov. 16 Gorn, chaps. 7 and 9  
Kasserman, Fall River Outrage, pp. 1-132
- Nov. 23 Kasserman, pp. 133-254
- NOTE:** (1) Students will need to read all of the Kasserman book before writing a 5-page paper due Nov. 24  
(2) No discussion sections this week because of Thanksgiving vacation
- Nov. 30 Unger, chaps. 11 and 13  
Joyner, Remember Me
- Dec. 7 Unger, chaps. 14-15  
Gorn, chap. 10-11
- Dec. 14 Unger, chap. 16  
Gorn, chap. 12

**NOTE:** Because the last day of class is December 15, discussion sections will not meet this week. Students will be responsible for these readings on the final exam.

**EVALUATION:** Your grade will be computed as follows: 20% for each of the hour exams; 25% for discussion sections; 10% for paper due Nov. 24; 25% for final exam.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

- J. Lee: 12:30-1:30 Tuesdays and 4:00-5:00 Thursdays, in 4116 Humanities Bldg. Also by appointment. (Phone: 263-1661).
- C. Duncan: 4:30-5:30 Tuesdays and 2:30-3:30 Thursdays, in 5265 Humanities Bldg. Also by appointment. (Phone: 263-1868)