

Master Course Syllabus

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HIS 201 AMERICAN HISTORY: DISCOVERY TO 1877

Course Number	HIS 201
Course Title	American History: Discovery to 1877
Credit Hours	3
Prerequisites	None
Course Description	This course is a survey of U.S. history from discovery to 1877. This course includes political, social, economic and intellectual developments during this period.
Course Objectives	<p>Describe the civilizations and peoples living in America before the arrival of the Europeans.</p> <p>Explain why Africans and Europeans came to American and how their arrival impacted the Indian cultures.</p> <p>Describe the culture crested in the American colonies and explain how the colonies became a nation.</p> <p>Trace the development of the United States from the Declaration of Independence to the establishment of the Constitution.</p> <p>Explain how and how why the political party system developed in the United States.</p> <p>Explain how and why the political party system developed in the United States.</p> <p>Describe the geographic expansion of United States and the impact of this growth on the American population.</p> <p>Cite of developments in the American culture, economy, and social structure during the first half of the 19th Century.</p> <p>Explain how sectionalism and slavery contributed to the coming of the American Civil War.</p> <p>Describe the events of the Civil War and Reconstruction and evaluate the impact of these events on American history.</p>
Course Developer	Mr. Steven Siniard
Means of Instruction	A variety of methods will be used in class. Lecture, discussions, and audio visuals will be a part of this course.
Required Textbook/Written Materials/Supplies	<i>See Booklist online for current book.</i>

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General Education Core Competencies

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<p>Communication: Students will be able to communicate effectively through reading, writing, speaking and listening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare written documents in a professional manner.• Develop oral communication skills to present information in a professional and appropriate manner.• Demonstrate appropriate listening skills in one-on-one and small and large group settings.	<p>A project will be required for this class and the instructor will provide guidelines for this assignment..</p>

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<p>Mathematical Reasoning: Students will apply those mathematical skills appropriate to their program of study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze and solve mathematical problems needed in the workplace, daily life and educational environment.• Interpret data using analytical methods.	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Critical Thinking: Students will employ effective processes for resolving problems and making decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify problems and potential causes.• Solve problems using basic research, analysis and interpretation.• Evaluate results of solutions and revise strategies as indicated by findings.	<p>A total of (3) quizzes. Each worth 100 points. All quizzes will come from questions from the discussion of each lesson each week. The instructor will give students instructions for quizzes.</p>

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<p>Technology Utilization: Students will apply knowledge of computers on a level compatible with job and/or educational demands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer applications including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentation software. • Use basic operating system functions competently (e.g. store and retrieve data, load software). • Demonstrate communication and research skills through use of the internet. 	<p>Students will communicate and research through the use of the internet.</p>
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<p>Interpersonal Skills: Students will deal effectively and appropriately with others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interact well with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds and cultures. • Work with others in situational analysis, problem solving, and task accomplishment. • Demonstrate respect for the rights, work, and views of others. 	<p>These competencies are reinforced through student participation in groups and other cooperative learning activities and completing group assignments on a timely manner.</p>
<p>Professionalism: Students will exhibit professionalism through observances of a code of ethics, a sense of responsibility, good habits, and a positive attitude.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate personal and business integrity and ethics. • Recognize, manage, and cope with the transitions of change. • Utilize informational resources for lifelong learning. 	<p>These competencies are reinforced through instructor expectations of collegial expression from students regarding differing views or opinions and adherence to the precepts of academic freedom, honesty, and responsibility.</p>

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College Policies

Policy Type	Policy Description
Attendance Policy	<p>Williamsburg Technical College does not require specific attendance in a course. Acknowledging that participation supports student success in coursework, however, individual instructors may set attendance guidelines for the course. Those specific guidelines must be included in the course syllabus. (<i>See Syllabus Addendum provided by the instructor.</i>)</p> <p>In addition, students must attend during the first two weeks of class or inform the instructor of their intent to attend to remain on the class roster. If no prior arrangements have been made and the student does not attend during the first two weeks following the semester start date, the student will be dropped as a “no show” from that course following the second week of class.</p> <p>Class rosters will be final as of the end of the second week of classes.</p> <p>Students may withdraw from a class at any time by completing a withdrawal form in the Student Services Office. A student can only receive a “WP” grade if withdrawal is completed in the Student Services Office prior to the last date to receive a “WP” grade published in the academic calendar. Students who fail to withdraw by the specified time will receive a letter grade for the course. For specific procedures related to this policy, refer to WTC Procedure D-23.1.</p>
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Policy for Students with Disabilities	<p>The Student Affairs Division provides counseling and support services which help students with disabilities to pursue academic programs of their choice and participate fully in campus life.</p> <p>The AVP for Student Affairs can arrange counseling, special parking, priority registration, and other reasonable services needed by students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the AVP for Student Affairs to discuss needs and concerns as they arise.</p>
Policy for Academic Misconduct	<p>All forms of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information will call for discipline. See the Student Code & Grievance Procedure in the Williamsburg Technical College Catalog for details.</p>

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Grading Policy	<p>The College operates on the semester hour system, and the following symbols are used in grading:</p> <p>A-- Excellent B -- Above Average C -- Average D -- Passing F -- Failure I -- Incomplete WF -- Withdrawal while failing WP -- Withdrawal while passing</p>
Policy for Class Safety and Emergencies	<p>Injuries must be reported to the AVP for Student Affairs immediately. Insurance claim forms are available in the Student Affairs division. Please refer to the college catalogue for more information on how Williamsburg Technical College addresses safety and emergency issues. For additional information, contact Student Affairs at 843.355.4162.</p> <p>Students taking coursework at off-site locations are responsible for reading and adhering to all safety instructions and guidance at the off-site location.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Health Services and First Aid</p> <p>Williamsburg Technical College is a commuter institution; therefore, infirmary facilities are not provided. Basic first aid for minor injuries is available, and first aid kits are located in various departments of the College. Major illness or injury will be treated by health professionals. The campus is located adjacent to Williamsburg Regional Hospital.</p> <p>Each student is covered by accident insurance at no additional cost. This group insurance covers the student while on campus and during college-sponsored group travel.</p>