

HIST 2111

US History to 1877

Semester: **Fall 2019**

Location: **Social Sciences Building – Room 2036**

Meeting Time: **Monday and Wednesday, 3:30-4:45pm**

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Course Communication: Please email me at the address above if you have a question about the course. You may also see me before and after class, but email is the best way to contact me. I intend to reply to all emails within 24 hours of receiving them.

Electronic Communications. The University provides all KSU students with an “official” email account with the address “students.kennesaw.edu.” As a result of federal laws protecting educational information and other data, **this is the sole email account you should use to communicate with your instructor or other University officials.**

Course Description:

Can be found by clicking this link in the course catalog: [HIST 2111](#)

Learning Objectives:

HIST 2111 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the **U.S. PERSPECTIVES** general education learning outcome(s). The learning outcome states: Students identify the historical, political, social, or institutional developments of the United States. For more information about KSU’s General Education program requirements and associated learning outcomes, please visit [the course catalog](#).

Required Reading:

Title: *Exploring American Histories*, Vol. 1
Authors: Nancy Hewitt and Steven Lawson
Edition: 2nd
ISBN: 9781457694707



Attendance Policy:

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

Each student is expected to attend **ALL** classes. Your success in this course (and in life) depends upon showing up and putting forth the effort to learn. If you come to class you are expected to remain for the *entire* class. If you must leave early please consult with the instructor **in advance**. I will be keeping a record of class attendance, so be sure to sign-in at the beginning of each class.

Note: in-class assignments *cannot be made up*. If you missed it, you missed it. Attendance will be factored into the final grade as follows: perfect attendance (+40 points); one class missed (+20 points).

Inclement Weather Policy:

Students will be expected to obtain the PowerPoint presentation for the missed class and study the material on their own. This will be available on D2L. Please consult your KSU email for the latest information.

Electronic Devices Policy:

- ⇒ Pagers, beepers, and cell-phones *must be switched off or silenced* during class.
- ⇒ The use of laptop or notebook computers **is not permitted during class**. PowerPoint presentations and video clips used during class will be on D2L. It will not be necessary to write everything down from the slides, they will be available BEFORE our scheduled class meeting.
- ⇒ It is the student's responsibility to know the material assigned, the class schedule, any assignments due, and exam dates.
- ⇒ Absolutely NO electronic devices are permitted during exams.

Course Assessments/Assignments:***Quizzes:***

There will be 9 quizzes during the semester. Quizzes will help you learn how I ask questions in a low cost assessment. The **top 5 quizzes** (each worth 20 points) will constitute your quiz grade.

Online Discussion Board Assignments:

We will use our discussion board to discuss the primary documents and videos in their historical contexts. Please read the chapters in your textbook first, then the documents (or sometimes watch videos that are in the PowerPoints). The textbook material will give you the historical context for

the documents and videos. The more you read and interact in our virtual classroom, the more you will get out of the class, the more interesting the class will be, and the easier the exams will be.

Your participation in online discussions will be graded based on your active involvement in these course discussions. This assignment is worth **30% of your course grade**.

- Each student must log on to the discussion board each assigned week and participate in the online discussions that I will set up for you.
- My expectations are that you post a response to the initial question or topics I present on the discussion board AND that you then respond to each other's posts.
- Your posts and responses must be on time and must directly respond to the questions and topics for that week in order for you to receive full credit.
- For each week, I will indicate how many times you must post and how many responses to other posts you are responsible for. Of course, you may always go beyond that number.

Online Etiquette:

One of the virtues of an online class discussion is that no one is too shy to talk!!! I will ask you, though, to please be respectful and civil to each other and to use appropriate language (no cursing, degrading, or insulting individuals or the whole class or the teacher!!). The discussions should stay on topic and be historical in content. I will read and join in the discussions, when appropriate, so please discuss in a language and tone that you would use if you were in the classroom. If I feel that you have exceeded the boundaries of proper discussion board etiquette, I will delete your post and contact you individually by KSU email with an explanation. Any subsequent offenses will result in your being banned from the discussion board, which would negatively impact your grade.

Exams:

There will be three exams, each worth **200 points**. All exams will be comprised of multiple choice and short answer/essay questions covering only the textbook chapters indicated on the course schedule. Study guides for each exam can be found on D2L.

All three exams will be **non-cumulative**. An essay make-up test will be issued in the event of an excused absence.

Makeup Exams and Late Assignments: All assignments should be completed on the dates indicated. If you know of an upcoming absence, email me the circumstances and provide the necessary documentation. Relating to writing assignments, there is a five-point penalty per day past the due date.

If you have a documented absence from an exam—***accepted by me***—then you may take a makeup exam. This is scheduled for **Friday, December 6th from 1-4pm in SO 2025**. All makeup exams are completely essay in nature.

Grading:

Grade Calculations

Quizzes:	20 points each	5x20=100 points	10% of total grade
Discussions:	30 points each	10x30=300 points	30% of total grade
Exams:	200 points each	3x200=600 points	60% of total grade

Grading Scale

Students are evaluated on the following scale:

A - (900 to 1000 points)

B - (800 to 899 points)

C - (700 to 799 points)

D - (600 to 699 points)

F - (Below 599 points)

I—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course.

Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair's office.

Grading Policy:

Students must wait 24 hours from the return of a graded assignment to contact the instructor about the grade. If no contact is made regarding a grade within 7 days from the return of the graded assignment, the grade becomes final.

Academic Integrity Statement Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section 5. C of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the university's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to university materials, misrepresentation/falsification of university records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), which includes either an "informal" resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct's minimum one semester suspension requirement. See the full [KSU Codes of Conduct](#).

I expect each student to do their own work, unaided by either fellow students or electronic resources. It is important for everyone to sign-in to document your attendance in class. The signature must be your own—signing for another student is a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Violations of the code may include lowering of grades and further disciplinary action based on the severity of the infraction.

ADA Compliance:

Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require “reasonable accommodation(s)” to complete the course may request those from Department of Student Success Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Department of Student Success Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or taking course quizzes or exams. Students may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations. For more information please visit their website, <http://sds.kennesaw.edu/>

Contact information is as follows:

SDS Email: sds@kennesaw.edu

Primary number for Kennesaw campus: [470-578-2666](tel:470-578-2666)

Primary number for Marietta campus: [470-578-7361](tel:470-578-7361)

Additional [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

Course Schedule:

Wednesday, October 9th - Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

Final Exam: Monday, December 16th from 3:30 - 5:30pm.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Date:	Topic:	Readings and Assignments
August 19	Welcome; Mapping Global Frontiers	Read Chapter 1, (pp. 1-36)
August 21	Colonization and Conflicts	Read Chapter 2, (pp. 37-68) Take Quiz #1

Date	Topic:	Readings and Assignments
August 26	Colonial America Amid Global Change	Read Chapter 3, (pp. 69-102). <i>Discussion #1 OPENS</i>
August 28	(continued)	
September 2	NO CLASS	<i>Discussion #2 OPENS</i>
September 4	Religious Strife and Social Upheavals	Read Chapter 4, (pp. 103-136).
September 9	(continued)	Take Quiz #2 <i>Discussion #3 OPENS</i>
September 11	Wars and Empires	Read Chapter 5, (pp. 137-170).
September 16	(continued)	Take Quiz #3
September 18	The American Revolution	Read Chapter 6, (pp. 171-204)
September 23	(continued)	
September 25	Exam #1	<i>Chapters 1-6</i>
September 30	Forging a New Nation	Read Chapter 7, (pp. 205-240) <i>Discussion #4 OPENS</i>
October 2	(continued)	
October 7	(continued)	Take Quiz #4 <i>Discussion #5 OPENS</i>
October 9	The Early Republic	Read Chapter 8, (pp. 241-274)
October 14	(continued)	<i>Discussion #6 OPENS</i>
October 16	Defending and Redefining the Nation	Read Chapter 9, (pp. 275-310)
October 21	(continued)	Take Quiz #5 <i>Discussion #7 OPENS</i>

October 23	Slavery Expands South and West	Read Chapter 10, (pp. 311-346)
October 28	(continued)	
October 30	Social and Cultural Ferment in the North	Read Chapter 11, (pp. 347-380)
November 4	(continued)	Take Quiz #6
November 6	Exam #2	<i>Chapters 7-11</i>
Date	Topic:	Readings and Assignments
November 11	Imperial Ambitions and Sectional Crisis	Read Chapter 12, (pp. 381-411) <i>Discussion #8 OPENS</i>
November 13	(continued)	Take Quiz #7
November 18	The Civil War	Read Chapter 13, (pp. 412-446) <i>Discussion #9 OPENS</i>
November 20	(continued)	
November 25	NO CLASS	
November 27	NO CLASS	
December 2	(continued)	Take Quiz #8 <i>Discussion #10 OPENS</i>
December 4	Emancipation and Reconstruction	Read Chapter 14, (pp. 447-480)
December 9	(continued)	Take Quiz #9
December 16	FINAL EXAM 3:30-5:30pm	<i>Chapters 12-14</i>

Changes to this syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus. Any substantive changes which impact grade calculations or grading will be announced in writing using D2L and will be emailed to the class. If you have concerns about announced changes, please contact the instructor and ask for clarification before the end of the semester.