HIST 2111  
US History to 1877  
Semester: Fall 2015

Meeting Time:  
Section 13 -Tuesday and Thursday, 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM Room J-201, Atrium Bldg.  
Section 14 -Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM Room, W.Claire Harris Textile Bldg. Room 100.

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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:
From Catalog at: http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=2024

Learning Objectives:
HIST 2111/HIST 2112 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. http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=24&poid=2668


 Lectures: The class will be presented as lectures with periodic discussions of key points. The lectures will cover material in the text and required readings, but will not be limited to these items. Any material presented in the lectures may appear on a test.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to be in class for each class meeting. Instructors are required to report the names of students who do not attend to the registrar’s office. If you have an emergency, it is your responsibility to contact the instructor and advise him of the situation. It is also your responsibility to get any notes or information from other students. Given the amount of material to be covered, regular attendance will aid in the achievement of a satisfactory grade. Absences and/or consistent tardiness will adversely affect your grade. Class participation is important and will also be reflected in your grade. This portion of your grade is worth 11 points. This means that excessive absences could cost you a grade level. Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal. In the event you have to drop the class, inform the instructor of your situation.

Electronic Devices Policy: Cell phones must be turned off during class. Earphones and electronic equipment of any type other than laptops are prohibited in class. Please do not talk while the instructor or a fellow student is speaking. Please raise your hand in order to be recognized.
Makeup Exams and Late Assignments: If you must miss a scheduled examination, you will take a make-up test. Act immediately to schedule the make-up examination. This test will be given after the last evening class ends at 7:45PM and will be different from the one given in class. Note: The Department will host a day for makeup exams for students with excused absences at the end of each semester. Students will need to bring an ID to the makeup exam. This is not a required makeup solution. It does simplify the process for makeup exams by shifting this work to one day at the end of the semester. For Fall Semester 2015 makeups will be proctored Friday 4 December from 1-4 pm in Bldg. SO 2036 on the Kennesaw Campus.

Class during Closure of the University: In the event the school is closed for more than a day, students should use D2L Brightspace to access class material. Quizzes, written assignments and, if needed, examinations will be sent to students by E-mail. Students are encouraged to keep checking E-mail for announcements and updates.

Grade Calculations: Seven periodic quizzes or assignments will be given and will count for 10 percent of your grade. The three examinations count for 26 X 3 = 79 percent and attendance/participation 11 percent, totaling 100 percent.

Grading Scale
Students are evaluated on the following scale:

A - 90-100 (points or percentage)
B - 80-89 (points or percentage)
C - 70-79 (points or percentage)
D - 60-69 (points or percentage)
F - F= 59 and below (points or percentage)

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.

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 also https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct.

Consequences of violating Student code of Conduct. – Depending on the severity of the violation, students may receive a failing grade or be expelled from school. Examples of Plagiarism Avoidance websites:

http://plagiarism.org/
http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml
http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html
Course Schedule:

Last day to withdraw without academic penalty – November 5, 2015

Final Exam: December 8, 2015 – regularly scheduled class times.

Week 1  August 18 – Course Introduction.  August 20 – Chapter 1 – Native Peoples of America to 1500


Week 3  August 23/30 - Chapter 3 – The Emergence of Colonial Societies, 1625-1700

Week 4  September 1/3 - Chapter 4 – The Bonds of Empire, 1660-1750

Week 5  September 8/10 - Chapter 5 – Roads to Revolution, 1750-1776

Week 6  September 15 EXAMINATION 1, September 17 Chapter 6 – Securing Independence, Defining Nationhood, 1776-1788

Week 7  September 22/24 - Chapter 7 – Launching the New Republic

Week 8  September 29/October 1 Chapter 8 – Jeffersonianism and the Era of Good Feelings, 1801-1824

Week 9  October 6/8- Chapter 9 - The Transformation of American Society, 1815-1840

Week 10  October 13/15 - Chapter 10 - Democratic Politics, Religious Revival and Reform, 1824-1840

Week 11  October 20 EXAMINATION 2 , October 22 Chapter 11 – Technology, Culture and Everyday Life, 1840-1860

Week 12  October 27/29 Chapter 12 - The Old South and Slavery, 1830-1860

November 5- WITHDRAWAL DAY

Week 13  November 10/12 – Chapter 13 – Immigration, Expansion and Sectional Conflict, 1840-1848

Week 14  November 17/19- Chapter 14 – From Compromise to Secession, 1850-1861

November 23-27 -Thanksgiving Break – No class

Week 15  December 3/5– Chapter 15 – Crucible of Freedom, Civil War, 1861-1865

Week 16  December 8/10 – Chapter 16 – The Crises of Reconstruction, 1865-1877

December 15 - EXAMINATION 3