

**HIS 211-01—The United States to 1865**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**Spring 2005**

**Course Time and Location:** TR 11:00-12:15, Petty 214

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**Course Description:** This course is a survey of American history from pre-history through the Civil War era. Topics include the migrations to the Americas, the colonial and revolutionary periods, the development of the Republic, and the Civil War. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in early American history.

**Required Text:** Divine et al, America: Past and Present (Seventh Edition),  
Volume I: To 1877.  
Additional primary source readings posted on Blackboard.

**Course Breakdown:**

Tests	40% (Two tests worth 20% each)
	Each test will cover ~1/3 of the course material and will be a mixture of multiple choice, identifications, and essays. I will announce each test one week in advance and I will provide a study guide for each.
Final Exam	20% (Final is May 10 12:00-3:00 PM)
	The final will be non-cumulative and will cover only the last 1/3 of the course material. It will be the same format as the two tests.
Papers	25% (Five reaction papers worth 5% each)
	These papers will be 2-3 page reactions to and analyses of <b>SOME</b> (but not all) of our primary source readings.
Quizzes	10%
	There will be several announced quizzes throughout the semester, some of which will be multiple choice and some of which will be all identifications. All quizzes will be given at the beginning of class.
Attendance	5%
	See below for the attendance policy.

**Grading Scale:** A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60-69; F=below 60  
**\*\*\*\*\*THE LAST DAY TO DROP WITH GRADE OF "W" IS MARCH 16\*\*\*\*\***

**Blackboard:** You will need to quickly acquaint yourself with Blackboard because I will regularly be posting readings, outlines, study guides, assignments, announcements, and your grades on it. In fact, you **MUST** use Blackboard to access all of the primary source readings for this course. To get to Blackboard, go to [blackboard.uncg.edu](http://blackboard.uncg.edu) and use your Novell username and password to login to the system. Once you are into Blackboard, you will need to select our course (HIS 211-01) from the list of the courses you are taking.

**Attendance Policy:** Attending class regularly is essential to maximize your learning. Just like in the workplace, irregular attendance will be penalized. Each student is allowed three absences without penalty. After that, I will keep a tally of your absences. At the end of the semester, I will calculate the percentage of days that you were in class. That percentage will go toward the attendance portion of your grade. Therefore, it will be in your best interest to attend class regularly, as you will be held accountable at the end of the semester! Arriving to class on time is also important. Tardy students not only miss important segments of class, but disrupt other students as well. Therefore, repetitive tardiness will be also penalized. Arriving to class late three times will be considered the equivalent of one absence. Therefore, if you are tardy to class nine times, for example, you will be credited with three absences. The absences that you accrue as a result of your tardies will be calculated into your attendance grade.

I realize that school makes up only a part of everyone's life and that almost everyone will have an emergency of some kind during the course of the semester. That is why I allow three absences with no questions asked. Please keep in mind that **I WILL NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "EXCUSED" AND "UNEXCUSED" ABSENCES!**

**Late Work Policy:** In the event that you do miss class, you are responsible for making up all work missed and borrowing notes from another student so that you will know what material was covered that day in class. All papers will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET YOUR ASSIGNMENTS FROM BLACKBOARD!**

Also, even if you are not in class the day a paper is due, I still expect to receive it that day. There are a number of ways you can get your work to me on time. You can email it to me, you can turn the work in early, or you can send your assignment to me by way of a friend or classmate. **NOT BEING IN CLASS ON THE DAY AN ASSIGNMENT IS DUE IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR NOT TURNING YOUR WORK IN!!!** If you do turn in a paper late, it will be deducted one full letter grade **PER CLASS PERIOD** that it is late.

Quizzes can only be taken in class on the day that they are scheduled. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UPS ALLOWED ON QUIZZES!!!!** That will allow me to quickly get the quizzes back to students who take them on time. You will be able to drop your lowest quiz grade at the end of the semester.

Make sure that you are present on the day of the two major tests. **TESTS CAN ONLY BE MADE UP ON THE LAST REGULAR CLASS DAY OF THE SEMESTER, WHICH WILL BE RESERVED AS A TEST MAKE-UP DAY.** If you miss, for example, the first test, you will be able to make it up on May 3, 2005, which is the last day of classes. **YOUR FINAL EXAM CANNOT BE MADE-UP!!!!**