

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
United States History to 1865
History 2111-01
CRN 25418
Monday and Wednesday
11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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AND BY APPOINTMENT

Required Readings:

Tindall and Shi, America, Brief 8th edition, volume 1

website: www.carolmelton.com

The website contains copies of your syllabus and your assignment schedule. Please check it frequently.

Course Description and Objectives:

This course is a survey of the major issues in the development of the U.S. From colonial times to the end of the Civil War. Some issues that we cover include: the development of the British colonies; the American Revolution; the establishment of the U.S. Constitution; the issues of slavery and secession; and the conduct of the Civil War.

At the end of this course the successful student should:

- 1) Possess substantial knowledge of the facts presented in this course.
- 2) Understand the principles of historical cause and effect
- 3) Be able to understand the modern world in a clearer fashion.
- 4) Be able to express these concepts effectively in writing

Class Attendance and Performance;

Students' regular attendance is required. Any student who misses more than four classes will suffer the reduction of a letter grade on the final grade. The instructor will accept no excuse for a 5th or higher absence, therefore, she urges students to hold some of their allotted absences in reserve for unforeseen circumstances. The instructor endeavors to

begin class punctually. If a student is not in his seat at the beginning of class, the student will be considered tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. If you anticipate that you may be late due to scheduling or some other reason, please notify the instructor beforehand.

Examinations and Quizzes:

There will be three exams in this class. They are mandatory. There will be no make-up exams given. Examinations will be a combination of short answer and essay questions. In the case of a properly documented emergency the instructor will drop one, but only one exam grade. There will be five unscheduled quizzes given at the beginning of class throughout the semester. At the end of the semester the instructor will drop the lowest quiz grade. There will be no makeups for missed quizzes.

Class Participation;

The instructor expects and encourage student participation and comment in class. Good class participation requires that students keep current in their reading assignments. A student's lack of participation will not reduce his final grade, but informed participation will result in an upward adjustment.

Grading system:

100-90 – A

89.9-80 - B

79.9 –70 -C

69.9-60- D

59. and below – F

Quizzes – 25%

Exam 1- 25%

Exam 2 – 25%

Exam 3 – 25%

Academic Misconduct:

As a Macon State College student and as a student in this class, you are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the MSC Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is included in the Macon State Handbook and is available at <http://maconstate.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf> A student who plagiarizes or cheats will receive a grade of F for the course and be turned in the Dean of Students.

Electronics Policy: Computers and other electronic devices may not be used in class without a disability accommodation request. (See below). Cell phones should be switched off and stored. In case of a family emergency, please see me for permission to keep your phone on. Abuse of this policy or any other disruptive behavior may result in dismissal from class.

Disability Accommodations:

Students seeking academic accommodations for a special need must contact the MSC Counseling and Career Center at 471-2114 located on the second floor of the Student Life Center.

Please seek me out if you have any problems or concerns about the class.