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SYLLABUS FOR  
HISTORY 3750-01  
CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION  
3 Credit Hours

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**Required Texts:**

James McPherson, *Battle Cry of Freedom* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1988)

John Q. Anderson, ed., *Brokenburn: The Journal of Kate Stone, 1861 - 1868* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University, 1972)

Robert Hunt Rhodes, ed., *All for Union: The Civil War Diary and Letters of Elisha Hunt Rhodes* (New York: Vintage Books, 1992)

Christopher M. Watford, ed., *The Civil War in North Carolina: Soldiers' and Civilians' Letters and Diaries, 1861 - 1865*, vol. 1 *The Piedmont* (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland and Co., 2003)

**Recommended Text:**

George Washington Nichols, *A Soldier's Story of His Regiment (61st Georgia Regiment)* (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 2011)

**Course descriptions and objectives:** This course focuses on the constitutional and economic causes of the American Civil War as well as its tactical, strategic and technological components. Particular emphasis will be given to the war's long term social, political and psychological repercussions.

**Attendance policies:** Students whose number of absences is more than twice the number of class meetings per week (4 per semester) may be assigned a failing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Students who have more absences than the number of class meetings per week but less than twice the number of class meetings per week (3 per semester), may be docked a letter grade for the class at the discretion of the instructor. Students who have absences which are less than or equal to the number of class meetings per week (1 or 2 per semester) will not be penalized.

The instructor endeavors to begin class punctually. If a student is not in his seat when the roll is called, or if a student leaves class early, the student will be recorded as tardy. Two tardies equals one absence. If you anticipate being late to class please notify the instructor beforehand.

**Student Code of Conduct:** Middle Georgia State University students are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the MGSU Student Code of Conduct. Student Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, Procedures, and Rights are found at:  
<http://www.mga.edu/student-conduct/code-of-conduct.aspx>.

Examinations and other assignments should always be the students own work. Plagiarism or cheating will be punished by an F in the course and other sanctions may be imposed by the university. Please read Code of Conduct carefully to make sure that you understand these concepts, and ask the instructor if you have any questions.

**Disability Accommodation:** Students seeking academic accommodations for a special need must contact Middle Georgia State University Office of Disability Services in Macon at (478) 471-2985 or in Cochran at (478) 934-3023.  
<http://www.mga.edu/disability-services/>

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students are encouraged to read the withdrawal policy found at <http://www.mga.edu/registrar/dropadd.aspx> before dropping or withdrawing from a class

**Delayed Opening or Closing of the University:** Please consult the local media and/or the university websites for campus closings due to weather etc.

**End of course evaluations:** Student evaluations of faculty are administered online at the end of each term/session for all courses with five or more students. Students will receive an email containing a link to a survey for each course in which they are enrolled. All responses are anonymous.

**Grading System:**

100 – 90 A  
89.9 – 80 B  
79.9 – 70 C  
69.9 – 60 D  
59.9 – 0 F

**Exams**

There will be two examinations in this class. They are mandatory. No makeup exams will be given. Examinations are each 25% of your grade. Borderline or indeterminate grade will be adjusted according to class attendance and performance. All exams must be taken in class on the day designated in the schedule. If you have a documented emergency you may be allowed to drop the grade for a missed exam. You may exempt only 1 exam. There will be no make-ups for missed exams or quizzes. There will be no individual extra credit.

**Papers**

Each student will write two papers of 8 - 10 pages in length on assigned topics. The papers must be typed and turned in on the assigned date. N.B. for each day, or portion thereof, that a paper is late, regardless of the reason, the instructor will reduce the grade by 10 points. Citations must conform to the Turabian/ *Chicago Manual* guidelines or incur a 20 point penalty. These papers are each 25 % of the course grade.

**Tentative Course Schedule:** Please see attached.

Additional copies of the syllabus and schedule are available at [www.carolmelton.com](http://www.carolmelton.com)

Please seek me out if you have any problems, questions or concerns about the course.