

HIST 1301.1A1 (Fall 2023)

### **INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **CREDIT**

3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

### **MODE OF INSTRUCTION**

Hybrid

### **PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:**

TSI Complete for Reading

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economics, and creation of the federal government.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS (student selects only ONE)**

Approved: **RC/2023**

*Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma* by Camilla Townsend **OR**

*Celia, a Slave* by Melton A. McLaurin

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students must attend class every scheduled class day. The instructor counts attendance using Starfish every scheduled class day. The instructor allows two unexcused absences; however, any absences beyond the two unexcused absences will affect the student's attendance grade (20% of the total grade). If the student is tardy to class, the student is counted as being late. If the student leaves class early, without prior notice to the instructor, then the student will be counted as absent for that day.

### DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an "F" in the course.

### STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

### COURSE CALENDAR

Week	Assignments	Dates	Location
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Complete</b> the <b>Introduction Assignment</b> (Online, <u>Due Sunday, August 27th</u>).</li><li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Syllabus</b></li></ul>	<b>August 21-August 27, 2023</b>	<b>Online</b>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>Ancient America</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the <b>Primary Source Quiz</b> (<u>Due Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></u>).</li><li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>Ancient America</i> (<u>Due Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></u>).</li></ul>	<b>August 28-September 3, 2023</b>	<b>Unit 1 Folder</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Watch</b> the <i>European Contact</i></li></ul>		

3	<p>Recorded Lecture (Online Because of No Class).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>European Contact</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Online <u>Due Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup></u>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>European Contact</i> (Online <u>Due Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup></u>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sept 4 (NO CLASS!)</b></p> <p><b>September 5-September 10, 2023.</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1 Folder</b></p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>English Colonies</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>English Colonies</i> (Due Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 11-September 17, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1 Folder</b></p>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>Colonial America</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>Colonial America</i> (Due Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 18-September 24, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1 Folder</b></p>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review</b> for the <b>Unit 1 Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Unit 1 Exam</b> (Due, <b>Sunday October 1</b>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 25-October 1, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1 Folder</b></p>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>The American Revolution</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>The American Revolution</i> (Due Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 25-October 1, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2 Folder</b></p>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>A New Nation</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>A New Nation</i> (Due Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 2 -October 8, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2 Folder</b></p>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for</li> </ul>		

	<p><i>The Early Republic</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>The Early Republic</i> (Due Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 9 - October 15, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2 Folder</b></p>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>The Market Revolution</i> &amp; <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday October 22<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>The Market Revolution</i> (Due Sunday October 22<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 16 - October 22, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2 Folder</b></p>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review</b> for the <b>Unit 2 Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Unit 2 Exam</b> (Online, Due Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>First Draft Paper Due (Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>).</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>October 23 - October 29, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2 Folder</b></p>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>The Free North/Slave South</i> (Due Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>The Free North/Slave South</i> (Due Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 30, 2023 – November 5</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 3 Folder</b></p>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>The House Divided &amp; Sectional Crisis</i></li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>The House Divided &amp; Sectional Crisis</i> (Due Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 6, 2023 – November 12</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 3 Folder</b></p>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>The Crucible of the Civil War</i> &amp;</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>The Crucible of the Civil War</i> (Due Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 13, 2023 – November 19</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 3 Folder</b></p>

15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> the <b>Primary Source(s)</b> for <i>Reconstruction</i> <b>Take</b> the Primary Source <b>Quiz</b> (Due Sunday, November 26).</li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Lecture Review Quiz</b> for <i>Reconstruction</i> (Due Sunday, November 26).</li> </ul>	<b>November 20, 2023 – November 26</b>	<b>Unit 3 Folder</b>
16	<p><b>LAST DAY OF CLASS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review</b> for the <b>Unit 3 Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>Take</b> the <b>Unit 3 Exam</b> (Online, Due Sunday, December 3).</li> </ul>	<b>November 27, 2023 – December 3</b>	<b>Unit 3 Folder</b>
17	<b>No Class Final Paper Due: Monday, December 4.</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>Unit 3 Folder</b>

## COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

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| 1. Exams (Three)                               | 50% of final grade |
| 2. Prewriting Book Assignment                  | 10% of final grade |
| 3. Final Submission Book Assignment            | 20% of final grade |
| 4. Weekly Assignments/Participation/Attendance | 20% of final grade |

## GRADE SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 0-59 F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

## **DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email [specialpopulations@lit.edu](mailto:specialpopulations@lit.edu). You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu). Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

## **STARFISH**

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

## ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

**1. QUIZZES:** Students will take quizzes **online**. There are two types of quizzes: **primary source reading quizzes and lecture review quizzes**.

a. **Primary source reading quizzes:** These quizzes are worth **10 points each**, unless otherwise noted. These quizzes are based on the information the student reads from the **primary source readings**, as scheduled.

b. **Lecture review quizzes:** These quizzes are worth 10 points each, unless otherwise noted. These quizzes are to test the student's **knowledge over lecture material** and serve as a review for the class.

c. Students that miss assignments (like quizzes) cannot make up the assignment unless the student had a documented sickness or a documented school-related absence. The student must receive **permission** from the instructor to makeup a missed assignment.

d. Any student **caught cheating on a quiz will receive a zero for that quiz**. For online classes, cheating includes **using information found online**, like Wikipedia or other similar sites.

2. **EXAMS:** study material for the exams will come primarily from the **recorded lectures**, as well as the material that students read in the **primary source documents**. Exams are worth **100 points total**.

a. Students that miss a test are only allowed to make up the exam if the student has an **unavoidable emergency**. The student **must contact the instructor** as soon as possible to schedule a make-up exam.

b. Any student **caught cheating on an exam will receive a zero on that exam**. Cheating on an exam includes using sources like Wikipedia to answer questions. **DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA TO STUDY FOR THE EXAM.**

**3. PREWRITING ASSIGNMENT & BOOK ASSIGNMENT:** Students will turn in their Prewriting assignment and their final submission for the book assignment to **Blackboard** on the **due date scheduled** (or earlier). Students are required to check the "**SafeAssign**" box so that their assignment is checked for plagiarism through the online software.

a. There are **two books listed for the class**. The student gets to pick **ONE** book out of the two that they want to read for the assignment. There are **two assignments**: a prewriting assignment and then the final submission of the assignment. The Prewriting assignment is not a rough draft of your final paper. It is a **question-and-answer assignment**.

b. **Students can submit their book assignment late; however**, there is a **10-point deduction for each 24-hour day that the assignment is turned in late** (this includes weekends). The instructor **will not accept the book assignment after 4 days past the due date**. Students will receive a zero for the book assignment if they do not turn in their book assignment.

c. **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.** All assignments are checked for plagiarism, which includes: not properly citing quotes from the book, slightly changing the words of sentences that are not the intellectual property of the student, copying a previous student's book assignment, or improperly using sources from the internet. **The student should not use ANY internet sources to help them with this assignment** (unless the student needs information on the author). If the student plagiarizes on the book assignment, **the student will receive a zero for the assignment.** The online software will show some plagiarism on the book assignment, especially if you use quotes from the book. Just make sure you are properly citing the quote with page numbers and quotation marks.

d. **The student must complete the book assignment to pass the course. If a student completes all other work, yet does not turn in the book assignment, the student will receive an "F" in the course.s**