



School of Liberal Arts

Mission

The School of Liberal Arts provides an innovative, multidisciplinary, student-centered, flexible curriculum that prepares the student for further study or work in a global economy. The School seeks to develop the student's learning through faculty engagement in cross-disciplinary teaching, research and service with a flexible curriculum that responds to increased globalization.

Course Number:	History 2111-01
Course Title:	Survey of United States History I
Term and Year:	Spring 2017
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Prerequisites:	ENGL 0989
Course Location:	C2105
Meeting Time:	TR 12:30-1:45 PM
Required Text:	James Roark, et al, <i>Understanding The American Promise: to 1877</i> , Second Edition, Volume 1 (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin, 2014). ISBN: 9781457639807. At GGC bookstore: (New) \$67.35 or (eBook Rental) \$31.99 Will be less at your favorite online retailer.

Additional readings in Primary Documents will be found online in the course D2L website

Required Software Account: Twitter Account with alias just for this class. Must provide alias to Instructor.

Alternate Text: James Roark, et al, *Understanding The American Promise: A Brief History to 1877*, Volume 1 (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin, 2011). ISBN: 9781457608476.

This alternate textbook is available on 2-hour reserve in Library!

Course Goals and Objectives: *Students taking this course will learn to*

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- Identify the historic role of America in the community of nations

Integrated Educational Experience (IEE) Goals:

The course goals and objectives that meet the following are in **BOLD**:

- **IEE1: Clearly communicate ideas in written and oral form.**
- IEE2: Demonstrate creativity and critical thinking in inter- and multi-disciplinary contexts.
- IEE3: Demonstrate effective use of information technology.
- IEE4: Demonstrate an ability to collaborate in diverse and global contexts.
- **IEE5: Demonstrate an understanding of human and institutional decision making from multiple perspectives.**
- IEE6: Demonstrate an understanding of moral and ethical principles.
- IEE7: Demonstrate and apply leadership principles.
- IEE8: Quantitative reasoning.

Assessment Tools:

Course objectives and outcomes will be evaluated through

Class Participation: Class attendance and participation is expected of all students. Consistent tardiness is not only rude, it is disruptive of your classmates learning processes. If you know you need to leave class early, you should tell the instructor at the start of class, and position yourself near to the door so as to minimize the disruption of class when you leave. Roaming about class or leaving to the bathroom is also disruptive and will not be tolerated. Similarly, non-emergency uses of telecommunications are disruptive. Disrupting class in any fashion may result in deductions from a student's course grade.

Twitter Participation: Students will be expected to sign-up for a twitter account under an alias for this class and then tweet class notes and questions under that alias every class using the class hash tag (**#GGC17spHist2111**). Each student will provide the alias to the instructor so that the tweets may be monitored. For each week of valid tweets of class materials, notes of class material, questions about readings, answers to other student questions, etc, the student will be awarded up to ten points for a total of 150 points over the course of the semester.

Online Quizzes: There will be an online quiz to be completed prior to coming to class as listed in the reading schedule. You have 20 minutes to answer 10 questions, and can take the quiz as many times as you like. Your recorded grade will be the highest score of all your attempts, and each attempt will be a different quiz from any other attempted. Once class begins, the quiz will be turned off so that nobody can take it during class. The next quiz will be turned on as soon as the time spent in class ends. There are 12 online quizzes, which is approximately once per week, but I reserve the right to give additional in-class pop quizzes to determine if you remember what you did online. **You may not make up any missed quizzes; they will count as zeros.** The quizzes can include multiple choice, sequence of events, map questions, essays, or short answer questions, at the instructor's discretion. Each quiz counts 10 points for a total of 120 points.

Tests: There will be three tests in this course, which will count a total of 450 points. **Test 1 will be taken in class on February 9**, which will count 150 points. **Test 2 will be taken in class on March 16**, which will count 150 points. Test 3 (which only covers information learned since Test 2), **will be taken in class on April 27**, and will count 150 points. Make-up tests for any missed exam will take place at my discretion. If you know in advance that you must miss the test, you must contact me in advance to let me know. If you fail to contact me in a timely manner after missing a test, I will not permit the make-up. Written documentation of any excuse is always required to allow a make-up. There will always be an essay question on the tests in this class. It will count approximately 50% of the grade for each test.

Primary Document Project: The primary document project consists of two parts: leading a classroom discussion of a primary document selected from a list provided by the instructor on the day assigned, and writing a source evaluation paper of the student selected topic based on the primary and secondary sources located by the student. Rubrics will be provided for each step of the project.

Document Leadership: 30 points of your course grade will come from leading a 10 minute discussion of a historical document in class. The sign-up sheet is located in the GROUPS tab of D2L, and you should self-enroll yourself to the document of your choice. The documents will be the ones embedded in the on-line syllabus located in D2L. Remember that the document you choose will affect your choices in your source evaluation project.

Source Evaluation Paper: Each student will write a 5 page paper that evaluates the primary source chosen by the student to lead a discussion. Your paper should briefly summarize the document, place it within the historical event to which it belongs, analyze the importance of the document and then explore audience and voice of the document. An outline of your paper will be provided by the instructor, along with a rubric for grading your final product. The Source Evaluation Paper will count 150 points, and is **due March 30**. **A 20 point per day penalty will be applied for late submissions.**

Grading Summary:

Task	Max Value
Twitter Participation	150 points
Document Leadership	30 points
Source Evaluation Paper	150 points
Online Quizzes	120 points
Test 1	150 points
Test 2	150 points
Test 3	150 points
Total:	900 points

Grading Scale:	A	above 809 points (Excellent)	B	720-809 points (Good)
	C	630-719 points (Fair)	D	540-629 points (Poor)
	F	below 540 points (Failure)		

Extra Credit: The instructor may offer extra credit opportunities over the course of the semester. Please watch for announcements. Also remember that extra credit is extra. If you cannot fit an opportunity into your schedule, it does not count against you, nor does the instructor need to make up an additional opportunity to fit your schedule.

Course Changes: The course syllabus provides a general plan for this course. The professor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus, including changes to assignments, projects, case studies, examinations, and so forth, in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and to fulfill the goals of the course.

Academic Integrity: Violations of academic integrity through cheating, plagiarism or any other means will result in a zero on the assignment, at a minimum, as well as referral to Student Affairs. The instructor reserves the right to assign more drastic penalties, such as course failure, depending of the severity of the infraction.

<u>Important Dates:</u>	Date	Event
	January 10	First Day of Class
	January 17	Document Sign-Up Due
	February 9	Test 1
	March 3	Last Day to Drop with a "W"
	March 5-11	Spring Break
	March 16	Test 2
	March 30	Source Evaluation Paper Due
	April 27	Test 3

Academic Respect: Students are expected to abide by class policies and procedures and to treat faculty and other students in a professional, respectful manner. Students are expected to be familiar with the student conduct code published in the Student Handbook.

Technology Covenant

Course Materials and Grading: Technology will be used to deliver content, provide resources, assess learning, and facilitate interaction, both within this classroom and in the larger learning community.

You can expect to access the course materials and grades via D2L. Students should check D2L daily, as course changes will always be announced and recorded on the course D2L site.

Communication I want to have face-to-face conversations with you, when possible. However, we may need to establish a time and place via email or by phone.

I prefer that you contact me via email for most situations, which will forward your message to my GGC email address. Expect me to respond within 24 hours to your message Monday through Friday at Noon. Please make sure you include your course name and section number when you contact me so I'll remember the class to which you belong, since your message will show up in my general email account. Communications received after noon on Fridays may wait until Sunday night for a response. Anytime I am away from campus (i.e., at a conference), my response may be irregular.

When corresponding by email, I will communicate with you using only your GGC email. You should check your GGC email every weekday and at least once on the weekend. Emails from other domains (yahoo.com, gmail.com, hotmail.com, etc.) will not receive replies due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Expectations of Students: All students at GGC need to have access to a computer. If you do not have one, computer labs are available on campus. I expect students to access course or individual communications within 1-2 days excluding weekends.

Technology Changes:

This covenant provides a general guideline for the course. I reserve the right to make periodic and/or necessary changes to the covenant, including: technology use and communication channels, in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and fulfill the goals of the course.

College/School Policies:

Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Statement: It continues to be the policy of Georgia Gwinnett College to implement affirmative action and equal opportunity for all employees,

students and applicants for employment or admission without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.

The college's affirmative action program and related policies are developed in compliance with federal and state laws listed in the college catalogue, and in conformance with these regulations Georgia Gwinnett College does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or against any student or applicant for admission with regard to any opportunity for which the employee or student is qualified.

Every member of this college community is expected to uphold this policy as a matter of mutual respect and fundamental fairness in human relations. The policy has the unequivocal support of the Office of the President. All members of the staff, faculty, and student body are expected to ensure that nondiscriminatory practices are followed at Georgia Gwinnett College.

Americans with Disabilities Act Statement: Georgia Gwinnett College will provide reasonable accommodation to employees, applicants for employment, students, and patrons who have physical and/or mental disabilities, in accordance with applicable statutes. Georgia Gwinnett College will take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment persons who are qualified disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam Era, or other covered veterans. If you are a student who is disabled as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act and require assistance or support services, please seek assistance through the Center for Disability Services.

Academic Integrity: Georgia Gwinnett College students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and are expected to encourage others to do the same. Further, students are expected to take responsible action when there is reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of others. While it is not possible to list all acts of academic dishonesty, examples include knowingly performing, attempting to perform, or assisting another in performing any act of academic dishonesty; cheating; plagiarism; collusion; submitting previously submitted material; misrepresentation or falsification of material; misrepresentation of circumstances such as illness, conflicting responsibilities. Additional details on academic integrity are found in the college catalogue.

Academic dishonesty carries severe penalties ranging from a grade of "0" on the affected assignment to dismissal from Georgia Gwinnett College. Each faculty member at Georgia Gwinnett College bears the responsibility for assigning penalties for cases of academic dishonesty. Students may appeal a penalty as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Attendance Policy: Instructors are required to publish this policy in their syllabi:

The classroom experience is a vital component of the college learning experience. Interaction with instructors and with other students is a necessary component of the learning process. Students are expected to attend regularly and promptly all class meetings and academic appointments. Students who are absent from classes bear the responsibility of notifying their instructors and keeping up with class assignments in conjunction with instructor provisions in the course syllabus. An individual instructor bears the decision as to whether a student's absence is excused or unexcused and whether work will be permitted to be made up; the decision of the instructor in this case is final. Students who are absent because of participation in college-approved activities (such as field trips and extracurricular events) will be permitted to make up the work missed during their college-approved absences.

Individual instructors may establish additional attendance requirements appropriate to their course's context, e.g., lab attendance.

A student whose class schedule would otherwise prevent him or her from voting will be permitted an excused absence for the interval reasonably required for voting.

Reading Schedule

DATE	TOPICS	READINGS 2e = Second Edition 1e = First Edition Additional web readings found on D2L	ASSIGNMENTS
January 10	Course Intro	Syllabus	
January 12	Invasion of America Drop/Add Ends January 15	2e: 28-53 1e: 30-53	
January 17	Colonial Chesapeake	2e: 54-72 1e: 54-73	Online Quiz Due Document Choice
January 19	Carolina & Middle Passage	2e: 73-81, 123-129 1e: 74-81, 123-128	
January 24	Founding New England	2e: 82-94 1e: 82-95	Online Quiz Due
January 26	From Puritans to Yankees	2e: 94-97, 104-109 1e: 95-98, 103-109	
January 31	Middle Colonies	2e: 98-103, 110-122 1e: 99-102, 110-122	Online Quiz Due
February 2	War for the Empire	2e: 130-149 1e: 129-147	
February 7	Ideology & Crises of Empire	2e: 150-171 1e: 148-174	Online Quiz Due
February 9	TEST 1		
February 14	Independence	2e: 172-196 1e: 175-195	
February 16	Revolution & CounterRevolution	2e: 197-233 1e: 196-223	
February 21	Washington & Adams Administrations	2e: 234-259 1e: 224-247	Online Quiz Due
February 23	Jefferson	2e: 260-276 1e: 248-256	
February 28	War of 1812	2e: 276-279 1e: 257-265	
March 2	1820s Last Day to Withdraw (March 3)	2e: 284-293, 304-307, 310-312 1e: 266-275, 284-286, 290-292	Online Quiz Due
March 7 & 9	Spring Break		
March 14	1830s	2e: 308-310, 319-324 1e: 287-289	
March 16	TEST 2		Online Quiz
March 21	Market Revolution	2e: 294-296, 301-302 1e: 276-283	

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March 23	Transport & Industrial Revolutions	2e: 297-301, 326-335 1e: 299-315	
March 28	2 nd Great Awakening	2e: 313-316, 339, 350-354 1e: 293-295, 319, 328-329	Online Quiz Due
March 30	Reform Movements	2e: 280-283, 316-318 1e: 296-298, 329-335	Source Paper Due
April 4	The Cotton Kingdom	2e: 358-370 1e: 336-350	Online Quiz Due
April 6	Plantation Life	2e: 371-387 1e: 351-363	
April 11	Texas & Mexico	2e: 336-349, 355-357 1e: 316-327, 364-368	Online Quiz Due
April 13	Failure to Compromise	2e: 390-414, 1e: 369-383	
April 18	Secession & Civil War	2e: 414-421 1e: 383-393	
April 20	Total War & Emancipation	2e: 422-455 1e: 394-407, 412-425	Online Quiz Due
March 7 & 9	Spring Break		
April 25	Reconstruction & Redemption	2e: 456-485 1e: 408-411, 426-453	
April 27	Test 3		Online Quiz Due

Course Objectives and Outcomes Matrix

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivate an attitude of positive civic engagement, ethical responsibility from a local and global perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the historic role of America in the community of nations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion participation • Activity participation