Course Syllabus for History 1301

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Course Objective: The survey course in US history is designed to provide the student with the basic knowledge and understanding of present institutions through the study of their past development. This course should also give the student a better understanding of germane disciplines such as political science, sociology, philosophy, literature, and economics in addition to preparing the student for careers in teaching, law, and public service.

Prerequisites: Pass writing on THEA, COMPASS, or other state-approved alternate test.

Scans: 6,9

Textbook: Alan Brinkley; *The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People*, seventh edition.

Course Outline: **1301**

Unit One:	Early American-European Backgrounds; Colonial Development; and the Origins of the American Revolution
Unit Two:	The American Revolution; Confederation Government; Consitutional Convention; Federalist Era
Unit Three:	Jeffersonian Era; Administrations of Madison and Monroe; Jacksonian Democracy; the South and Slavery
Unit Four:	Doctrine of Manifest Destiny; 1850 – the Crucial Decade; Civil War

Examinations: During the course of the semester there will be four unit exams. The format for the unit exams will consist of identification and modified essay choices. An examination booklet (bluebook) will be required for each unit exam.

Examination make-up policy: Remember that making up an exam is a privilege and NOT a right. Emergencies happen in all our lives and obviously are not anticipated but IF there are truly extenuating circumstances that prevent you from taking the exam at the scheduled time; you MUST contact me prior to the exam (documentation may be requested) to make arrangements for your make-up exam. (Please understand that having a REALLY GOOD TIME the night prior to the exam does not extenuating circumstances make.) All make-up exams are 100% essay and there is only one make-up opportunity per customer. You have one week following the missed exam to make it up.

Grading Policy: All examinations and papers assigned (including the final) weigh equally and count for ¼ the course grade. Final semester grades will be based on the following averages: 90-100 = A; 80-89 =B; 70-79 + C; 60-69 = D; and below 60 = F.

Attendance Policy: Attendance is mandatory and along with class participation can influence your final grade. If you are absent a total of nine times from a MWF class or seven times from a TTh or MW class, your average will drop ten points. It is your responsibility to find out what you may have missed if you are absent, not the instructor's. On that note, it is also the student's responsibility to make sure of the last day to drop a class without penalty so be careful.

General Info: 1.) Cell phones must be on vibrate or off and need to be in pockets, or purses, or backpacks, or somewhere besides your desk. I won't leave to take a phone call and neither should you.

2.) You make not think that I am all that fascinating, but I do, so at least PRETEND you are interested when I am lecturing.

3.) I don't care about the consumption of legal snacks or beverages during class time, but I don't expect someone else to have to clean up after you.

4.) Common courtesy is always encouraged, but so is class discussion.

5.) If you are having a problem with the course in any way, please contact me during office hours or by appointment. I can't help you if I don't know about the situation.

6.) Plagiarism is not only illegal but grounds for a zero on that assignment.

7.) Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to or participation in this class, please feel free to talk with me about your concerns.