

EXAMS:

Four exams (three midterms and a final) will be administered during the semester. Exams will be comprised of multiple choice, short identification/fill-in-the blank, and an essay component. Each exam will focus on lectures and assigned readings from the textbook. **Each exam comprises 15% of overall grade and the final (comprehensive) is 25%.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

In addition to the scheduled tests, students are required to turn in FOUR assignments in class this semester. The assignments will come from the Campbell reader and in-class material. The format for the assignments will vary from multiple-choice to essay. Specific instructions for each assignment will be distributed later this semester. Attendance during the day of the in-class assignment is a requirement. **The average of the assignments will comprise 20% of the overall grade.**

ATTENDANCE/CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Ten percent (**10%**) of your grade will be based on class attendance and a subjective class participation component. In regards to the class attendance component, all students are allowed one absence to use at their discretion, regardless of the reason. After which, students will be deducted points from the final course grade. Keep in mind we only meet a total of 15 times this Spring, including exams. Arriving late and leaving class early is subject to being counted as an absence. As per class participation, I will occasionally call on students to answer questions or to explore themes related to the individual topics. From time to time, the professor will pose questions to the class, but feel free to initiate your own comments and ask questions related to course material, and respond to the questions and comments made by others.

USE OF BLACKBOARD:

The instructor will use UNT's Blackboard platform to distribute information throughout the semester. Lecture outlines, exam reviews, the four semester quizzes will all be found on the course Blackboard page. Students must learn the process of accessing course information and quiz materials on specific dates. The burden of responsibility lies with the students.

MAKEUP POLICY:

Exams/Quizzes may **NOT** be taken early. Students must arrange work schedules and last-minute travel plans in order to take the tests & quizzes on the scheduled dates. There are no make-ups unless you have some kind of documented medical emergency or university sponsored activity. No excuses will be accepted more than 48 hours after the scheduled test date. Make-up exams will be given only to students who in my opinion have a legitimate excuse, such as a severe illness, or absence due to a University-sponsored activity. The burden of supplying sufficient documentary proof rests upon the student. **There are no reviews for the makeup exams, which are of an entirely different format than the original test.**

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION:

A Supplemental Instruction (SI) component is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of the material taught in this course. SI sessions are led by a student who has been successful with the course material and has been trained to facilitate group sessions where students can meet to compare class notes, review and discuss important concepts, develop strategies for studying, and prepare for exams. Attendance at SI sessions is free and voluntary. On average, students who attend supplemental instruction once a week, earn a significantly higher course grade than those who do not attend. SI sessions begin the second week of class and continue throughout the semester. A session schedule will be announced in class. For information about the program, and session schedule/updates, visit: <http://learningcenter.unt.edu/si>.

- **HIST 2610.010 SI Leader: Brendan Nix (brendannix@my.unt.edu)**

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS:

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

STUDENT ABSENCE FOR UNIVERSITY SPONSORED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed. Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

NOTE TAKING:

You are expected to take notes during lectures, discussions, and, if applicable, videos. Lecture outlines and exam study guides will assist you in this process. However, it is not enough simply to copy the lecture outline—you must take notes in order to do well on exams. Please do not try to follow along with me in your textbook—I do not lecture directly from your book and you will end up missing key points in the lecture and the point(s) I am trying to make. If you miss a class, check with your fellow students to see if someone will lend you their notes. The professor does not provide lecture notes.

USE OF EMAIL:

Feel free to e-mail me in regard to anything related to the class, the topic, or professional requests. Please do not e-mail me or the Teaching Assistant in regard to specific grades. We will not respond to grade queries for reasons of student privacy, or anything we deem inappropriate or unprofessional. I also retain the right to forward all such e-mails to university officials.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES:

- Cell Phones: Please remember to turn off phones prior to class.
- If you are having trouble with this class, please come by my office during office hours.

WHAT I EXPECT FROM YOU:

- Keep up with the readings & take all exams and quizzes on the scheduled dates
- Please do not come to class late. If there is a reason why you must be late, try to be quiet as you come in.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM ME:

- My lectures will be well-prepared and organized.
- I will see that your exams are graded as promptly and accurately as possible.

NOTE:

It is understood that remaining in this class constitutes an agreed to abide by the terms outlined in this syllabus and an acceptance of the requirements outlined in this document. This syllabus is subject to change at the professor's discretion. All changes will be provided verbally in class.

Schedule of Lecture Topics (subject to change)

Date	Lecture Subject	Assigned Reading (Henkin Text)
Week One: January 21		
00	Course Description and Expectations	
01	The New World	Henkin (H) , <i>Becoming America</i> , chapter 1
Week Two: January 28		
02	The British Colonies	H , chapter 2
03	Colonial Slavery *Assignment Day	H , chapter 3
Week Three: February 4		
04	A Revolutionary Crisis	H , chapters 4-5
05	The American Revolution	H , chapter 6
Week Four: February 11		
Test I: New World to American Revolution		
Week Five: February 18		
06	The Age of Washington	H , chapter 7
07	The Age of Jefferson	H , chapters 8
Week Six: February 25		
08	The War of 1812: The Second American Revolution	H , chapter 9
09	Nationalism and Sectionalism	H , chapters 9
Week Seven: March 04		
10	Andrew Jackson & the Age of the Common Man	H , chapter 10
11	Anglo-Indian Relations *Assignment Day	H , chapter 10
Week Eight: March 11		
Test II: Age of Washington to Anglo-Indian Relations		
Week Nine: Spring Break, March 16-20		
No Classes at UNT		
Week Ten: March 25		
12	The Transportation Revolution	H , chapter 10
13	American Government and the Economy *Assignment Day	H , chapter 10
Week Eleven: April 01		
14	Reform and Abolitionism	H , chapter 12
15	Territorial Expansion	H , chapter 13
Week Twelve: April 8		
16	Developing Sectionalism	H , chapter 14
17	The Outbreak of the Civil War	H , chapter 15 (first few pages)
Week Thirteen: April 15		
Test III: Transportation to Sectionalism		
Week Fourteen: April 22		
18	The Civil War (Military), Part I	H , chapter 15
19	The Civil War (Military), Part II *Assignment Day	

Week Fifteen: April 29

20 The Civil War (Society)
21 The Impact of the Civil War

H, chapter 15

Week Sixteen: May 06

Summary Day

Comprehensive Final Exam (Week 1 to Week 16)

May 12, 2015 (6:30 to 8:30)