

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Summer 2017	Instructor Name:	Suzanne Gretz
Course Title & #:	History 120: US History: Prehistory to Reconstruction	Email:	suzanne.gretz@imperial.edu
CRN #:	30179		
Classroom:	Southwest HS Q-88	Office #:	807B
Class Dates:	June 12, 2017 – July 13, 2017	Office Hours:	By Appointment only: Mon – Thurs 12:00 n – 3:00 pm
Class Days:	MTWR	Office Phone #:	760-355-6492
Class Times:	8:30 – 11:05 a.m.	Emergency Contact:	Normally, you should send an email message if you want to get in contact with me. You can also contact our department secretary: Elvia Camillo at 760-355-6144
Units:	3.0		

I am very interested in hearing from you if you have any problems, questions or concerns about the course. I am available to meet individually with each student to ensure adequate understanding of course requirements and to offer assistance and suggestions. You can make an appointment to meet with me at a mutually convenient time, though the best times for me are listed above. You can leave me a message on my voice mail; during the workweek I try to return calls within 24 hours. Best way is to send me an email message that I will also try to respond to within 24 hours during the workweek. My complete class and office hour schedule is posted outside the BSS Department office, room 807, where there is also a secretary who can help you.

Course Description

This course is a survey of American history from the pre-Columbian era to the end of Reconstruction. This course will cover the major political, economic, social, gender, racial, cultural and intellectual transformations of the colonial and early American eras. At the completion of this course students will have a broad understanding of the most important ideas, personalities, movements, and events in the colonial and early American periods.

This course is the first semester in a two-semester survey of American History from Prehistoric to Present times. During this semester we will be looking at the history of the United States from the time of the Native American cultures before Columbus up to the American Civil War and Reconstruction. In this course we will be exploring American history not merely as a review of the presidents and wars. Though an understanding of “what happened when” is critical as a foundation, we will go beyond names and dates. Instead, we will look at the social bonds and conflicts created by culture, religion and trade. We will discuss the patterns of government that our ancestors developed in order to meet their desire for political and social stability.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- Identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film. (ILO1)
- Describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event. (ILO1, ILO2)
- Explain and analyze the key information contained in a primary source document. (ILO1, ILO2)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

Identify the major events and key intellectual, cultural, social, political and economic trends in United States history from the pre-Columbian period to 1877, and identify and understand the significance of important personalities and ideas in United States history before 1877. Specifically:

- Describe the peoples and cultures existing in North America before European contact;
- Describe European exploration of North America and early colonization efforts;
- Describe the British colonies of North America and explain the role of the colonies within the British Empire.
- Discuss and analyze labor relations, indentured servants and slavery in British North America;
- Understand colonial-Native American and U.S.-Native American relations;
- Understand the factors that led to the American Revolution and the key events, personalities and effects of the Revolutionary War;
- Understand how the American political and legal system was created and how it functioned in the early national period;
- Identify important political trends and figures and the rise of political parties in ante-bellum America; Understand U.S. foreign policy before 1877;
- Explain the evolution of the market economy of the nineteenth century;
- Explain how technology shaped culture, social arrangements, leisure, family life, and work;
- Understand how immigrants impacted society, politics and culture;
- Explain the status of women before 1877;
- Understand the role of sectionalism in early American history;
- Describe how religion impacted society, intellectual currents, and political thought;
- Analyze Westward expansion, Manifest Destiny and the Mexican-American War;
- Discuss the major factors that led to the Civil War and the key events and personalities of that war;
- Understand the significance of the Civil War on society, race relations, economics, and politics;
- Describe the process of post-Civil War Reconstruction and the challenges and opportunities faced by the nation and people until 1877.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

The following textbook is required for the course for all students:

Keene, Jennifer D., Cornell, Saul and O'Donnell, Edward T. *Visions of America: A History of the United States, Vol. 1.* 3rd ed., 2017, Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0-205-99710-7

In addition to the textbook, students need to have the following supplies for this course:

- Notebook with paper – for notes and assignments
- pens or pencils to take notes in class each day

Attendance

- The study of history requires an understanding of the contrasts and interconnections of times, peoples and places. Therefore, attendance, participation, and preparation are critical for success in this course. I will take roll every class period. If you are late please check in with me at the end of class or you will be marked absent. All persons who are attending the class must complete the enrollment process promptly in order to remain in the classroom.
- In this course, if you miss either of the first two class sessions you will be dropped and your place will be given away to another student.

What the Law Says:

IVC Attendance Policies:

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

What the Law Says:

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Reading Assignments

- Reading the textbook is critical for success in this course.
- The reading assignment is listed in the course schedule section at the end of this syllabus. Basically, you will be reading three or four chapters in your textbook each week. You are expected to read the material before the day that is listed in the schedule and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings in class. *Students who complete the reading assignments before class are better able to ask questions or get clarifications during class and consequently often get better grades in the course.*
- Each chapter in the book is about 25 - 30 pages long and we are reading about one chapter each day. Each day you will spend about 2.5 hours in class and at least 5 hours outside of class reading, studying, working on assignments and preparing for exams. Please be ready to invest the amount of time required to read, reflect on, comprehend, and review the material in order to be successful in this course.

Classroom Activities

- Each class period will consist primarily of lecture and discussion. Interesting and informative discussion requires that students be prepared for class by having read the material. During the class period we may also have some class activities that require participation by all students. These activities will usually require the use of your textbook or other materials so please bring your books to class every day so that you will be able to participate in any activities.
- During some classes we will have video presentations. These videos have been chosen to highlight a particular aspect of history, or present a viewpoint that adds to our understanding of past attitudes and concerns. Videos, therefore, are an integral part of the classroom experience; they are not entertainment or time wasters. You will see questions on the exams that refer directly to information from the video presentations. Please take notes accordingly.

Homework

- During this course there will be homework assignments covering the material from the textbook, lectures, and videos. The assignments may consist of a mixture of different activities such as: practice test objective questions (multiple choice, matching, true/false, etc.), map exercises, mini projects and/or short answer essays.

- Homework will be due on the date announced in class and posted in Canvas. I will post each of the homework assignments to Canvas approximately 2 - 3 days before it is due. It is your responsibility to download the assignment early enough that you can complete it on time.
- Everyone is required to complete all of the homework assignments.

Late Assignments

- Late assignments are not accepted during summer session, except under extraordinary circumstances and with my specific permission.
- If you are absent from class on the day an assignment is due you are still required to turn it in on time. You can email your work, send it with a friend, turn it in early, or bring it to my office and leave it in my box or with the department secretary. But I must receive it on the due date.

Exams

- There will be three exams during the course covering the material in the textbook, as well as all the material presented in class. Each exam will be worth 150 points and consist of objective questions (multiple choice, true/false, matching, etc.) and a short answer essay section.
- I will make available study guides for each of the chapters in your textbook to help you learn the material and prepare for the exams. These study guides consists of key terms and concepts for each textbook chapter. In general, for each term the student should be able to define the term (what is it) and explain the importance, impact, or cause and effect of the event or idea. The exam questions will be taken directly from these study guides.
- You must bring a regular pencil in order to take the test.
- "Cheat Sheet" - for each exam each student is allowed to bring one page of notes (a single 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, hand written only, on one side of the paper, no typed, no electronic, no photocopies) to refer to during the exam if desired.

Make Up Exams

- Make up exams are available but are strongly discouraged.
- Generally speaking, exams can be made up only for serious reasons that are beyond the ability of the student to control (for example: serious illness, required military service, etc.). You must contact me no later than the day of the exam, preferably sooner, if you will miss a test. You must provide proof that you could not come to school (doctor's note, court appearance notice, service orders, etc.) in order to be eligible for a makeup exam.
- Make up exams must be completed within 3 calendar days of the student's return to school from absence and may require you to come to the IVC campus to take the makeup exam.
- Please note that each exam represents 25% of your final course grade. Therefore, if you miss an exam and do not make it up, the best grade you can get in the course is 75%, a C, and that is only if you achieve 100% on the other two exams. Throughout my many years teaching I have observed that students who miss an exam and do not make it up almost always get a F in the course, at best a D. Obviously, if you intend to pass the course, you must take all of the exams.

Extra Credit

- Throughout the semester I may offer students the chance to earn extra credit points for participating in educational opportunities outside of class. If and when these are available I will announce them in class and on Blackboard.
- However, regardless of the number and type of activities a student participates in, each student may earn more no more than 30 points in extra credit for the course.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

- Students earn grades based on the level of achievement of course material mastery and not on the level of effort expended. My grade of any assignment or exam is final without evidence of fraud, bad faith or error on my part. I will be happy to meet with you privately should you wish to discuss the criteria and reasoning I used to assign a particular grade on your work. I have been known on rare occasions to make mathematical miscalculations of grades. If this should occur the error will be corrected immediately upon presentation by the student.
- There are a total of 625 points possible for this course; therefore, final course grades will be determined based on the following scale:

625 – 562	100% - 90%	A
561 – 500	89% - 80%	B
499 – 437	79% - 70%	C
436 – 375	69% - 60%	D
374 – 0	59% or lower	F

Point Value for Assignments and Exams

Assignment	Approximate Due Date	Points Possible	Points Earned
Exam 1 Chapters 1 – 5		150	
Exam 2 Chapters 6 – 10		150	
Exam 3 Chapters 11 – 14		150	
Homework Assignments (Various)	Various Dates	150	
Participation	Daily	25	
Extra Credit (optional)	Various Dates	(30)	
TOTAL		625	

Classroom Etiquette

Children in the classroom

- Due to college rules and state laws, only enrolled students may attend the class, including children.

Dropping the Course

- If for any reason you decide not to complete the course, remember that it is your responsibility to drop the class. If you simply stop coming to class and do not log on to WebSTAR and officially withdraw from the course, you will receive an “F” as a final grade.

Notification of Absences

- Please send me an email any time you are unable to come to class. There are no excused absences except for official, documented college related activities. Please make all counseling, financial aid, or non-emergency doctor appointments for times when you are not scheduled to be in class.

- If a serious illness or problem arises during the course that will cause you to be absent for an extended period of time, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can determine if you will be able to finish the course. I am more than willing to work with students to resolve problems if I am promptly informed about them.

Cell Phones & Other Electronic Equipment

- Out of consideration for others, please turn your cell phones and any other electronic equipment off at the beginning of class. These items distract other students and me when they ring or beep during class.
- *Absolutely no cell phones are allowed on or within view during exams; ringing phones will be confiscated for the duration of the exam. Anyone who answers or uses a cell phone or any other type of electronic equipment during a test without my permission will receive a zero on that test.*

Course Interruptions

- It is expected that you will be present, in your seat, and participating in class for the entire course period. Please take care of any personal needs (phone calls, restroom breaks, beverage needs) before or after class. Every time you step out in the middle of class it is disrupting the learning of the entire class and this is not acceptable.
- *Anyone who leaves the room during a test without my permission will be assumed to have finished the test and will not be allowed to continue.*
- If you have a serious medical or other problem that makes it impossible for you to remain in your seat for the entire class period, please inform me as soon as possible and accommodations will be made.

Behavioral Expectations

- In college it is assumed that everyone is an adult and has chosen to be here in order to better his/her knowledge, experience, and job opportunities and for personal growth and development. It is imperative that each student show respect for your fellow students and not engage in behaviors that will make it difficult or impossible for other students to learn effectively. I will not tolerate any behavior that interferes with another student's opportunity to learn.
- At all times, each member of the class will attempt to comport him or herself in a professional manner. That means, in a manner consistent with a professional setting such as a business office or place of worship. Students are encouraged to ask questions and participate in discussions regarding the material under consideration. However, disruptions that tend to diminish or extinguish learning will not be tolerated. The following behaviors are inappropriate in a college classroom:
 - Personal conversations between students during class, regardless of the topic, including cell phone calls;
 - Classroom interruptions due to tardiness, coming and going from class, or leaving early; ○
 - Writing and passing notes to one another;
 - Completing assignments for other classes during lecture or discussions;
 - Sleeping, particularly if you snore or drool;
 - Reading magazines, playing with electronic games, playing cards, listening to music, or other disruptive, immature actions;
 - Disrespectful, argumentative or combative behavior;
 - Harassing or irritating another student.

Discipline Penalties

- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).

Online Netiquette

Digital Communication Behavioral Expectations

- Remember, your digital communications, whether email or text messages, with other students or with the instructor of this course are a professional, rather than a personal interaction. You should communicate digitally in the same manner as you would talk in person in a similar professional situation. You would not talk to your grandmother, your boss, or the leader of your religious group using the same language as you would use with your best friends. So too, your digital communications with professional colleagues should be different and more formal than what you would use with your best friends.

What the Law Says:

IVC Digital Communication Rules:

- *What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving and communicating appropriately online.*
- *Here are some rules for professional, digital communication: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use only appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!)], and (12) avoid obscene, offensive, or abusive language at all times.*

Academic Honesty

One of the greatest benefits of modern American society is that every single person has the right to pursue whatever education, knowledge or skills that they want, for as long as they want, and to whatever level that they want. Granted, there are financial barriers that must be overcome. But unlike societies in the past which limited access to knowledge only to certain racial, ethnic or gender groups, today, no one is turned away from school just because they are female, or dark skinned, or their parents aren't powerful.

But college is a choice. No one is required by law to attend college, unlike kindergarten through high school. In college, each student can choose his or her own course of study and the classes and instructors she wants to work with. Sure, there are requirements that you may not be particularly enthusiastic about, or limited options available, but in essence it is still the student's choice.

So with this in mind, the old saying that when you cheat in school you only cheat yourself is even more true than ever. What you truly learn is yours for the rest of your life, more so than any material items that you may purchase but will wear out and be discarded in a few days, weeks or at best years. But what you learn, whether it is factual knowledge or new skills and techniques, will be yours for the rest of your life. Finishing a college degree or academic certificate means that you have achieved something through your own hard work, effort, blood, sweat, and tears and I can assure you that the feeling of self-satisfaction and accomplishment is truly wonderful. Don't taint that amazing feeling of accomplishment by knowing that you only got there because you cheated.

What the law says:

IVC Academic Honesty Policy:

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- *Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.*
- *Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.*

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

IVC Student Email

- IVC provides all students with an email account for you to use, free of charge. This address will be the primary email address used to contact students studying at IVC, including all financial contacts. You have the ability to link this campus email to a personal email account that you already use. It is important that you check this email on a regular basis for general school and specific class notices. For example, if I am ill you will be notified in advance (as soon as I know I will be unable to make it to class) through this email account so that you will not have to come to class that day.
- The login URL is <http://outlook.com/students.imperial.edu>. The password will be the same login used for the Student Portal. Your campus password will be kept in sync with your WebSTAR password.
- Students who do not yet know your email address:

You can use the Student Email Lookup Form here:

<https://www.imperial.edu/students/student-email-lookup/>

Also, you can login to the Student Portal with their G#/WebSTAR PIN, then you can find out what your student email address is by going to the Student Email Information Page on the Student Portal:

<https://my.imperial.edu/student-email>.

- If you have any type of problem with your IVC student email accounts, please submit a ticket to the IVC Service Desk at: <https://servicedesk.imperial.edu> . Students can login to the Service Desk using their new IVC email address and Student Portal password. Once logged in please select the Technology Request | E-mail Support | Students request type and provide details or call (760) 355-6300 to receive help.

Student Portal and Web-Based Services

- The college provides access to all students to web-based versions of Microsoft office programs and storage space for class assignments. Please check the IVC website and the Student Portal for more information about the student email and other web services available to students.

Canvas

- IVC has linked all classes to the Canvas course management system. I post assignments, make announcements, and post study guides and any other supplemental resources for this course. Please make sure you understand how to logon to Canvas so that you can access critical course information.

Academic Counseling Services

- IVC provides all students with pertinent information they will need in the formulation of their academic and personal goals and objectives and to assist them in being aware of making the most of their desires, interests, and opportunities. Counseling services are provided by professional counselors who are skilled and trained in the areas of academic, vocational, and personal counseling. The Transfer Center provides a number of services of use to students.
- The Counseling Center is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. A transfer and career center, located within the Counseling Center, has extensive reference library of catalogs from many universities and resource materials on vocational and career information.
- Although counselors assist in long-range educational planning and in checking specific requirements, the responsibility for meeting graduation requirements or requirements for transfer to other colleges or universities must be assumed by each student.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

I am happy to work with all students so that each can achieve his or her educational objectives. Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- [Student Health Center](#). A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information. Some of the services they provide include:
 - Basic First Aid
 - Immunizations
 - Mental Health Counseling
 - Wellness Screenings and Health Fairs
 - Access to reproductive health care for men and women
 - Over-the-counter medication
- [Mental Health Counseling Services](#). Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Tutoring Services

There are different tutoring services available on campus to help you be successful in your courses.

- Tutoring Center, Room 1512 (in the Library)
Can meet with a tutor by appointment or drop in for most academic subjects.
- World Languages Tutorial Center, Room 2603
Can get help in English, ESL, American Sign Language, Speech, and Spanish

Library Services

- There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the learning center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources. Also, study skills workshops are available upon request for individual students or for entire classes.
- Reserve Desk
 - There is a copy of our course textbook available for you to use for two hours at a time at the main circulation desk in the library.
- Computers
 - Computers in the library may be available for students to use to complete homework assignment or any other classroom requirements. Check in with a librarian to determine which computers are available for your use.

Emergencies on Campus

If you experience or witness a life-threatening emergency of any type, please immediately dial 9 – 1 – 1 and then contact Campus Security for additional assistance.

For safety or security issue or to report any unusual or suspicious activity, please contact:

- Campus Security (760) 483-7411
- Campus Safety & Parking Control Office (760) 355-6308
- Parking Control Office is room 902. Hours are : Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All transactions must be completed 30 minutes before closing time.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar *Subject to Change*				
		Topics	Readings	Homework & Exams
Week 1				
Mon	6/12	Introduction The First Americans		
Tue	6/13	Europe on the Eve of Expansion and European Colonization in the Americas <i>Last Day to Add Classes</i>	Chap. 1	
Wed	6/14	English Colonial Societies, 1590 - 1710	Chap. 2	
Thur	6/15	Expansion of British North America and Slavery in Colonial America	Chap. 3	
Week 2				
Mon	6/19	Causes of Colonial Discontent and The American Revolution	Chap. 4	
Tue	6/20	Problems of the Early Republic Confederation to Constitution	Chap. 5	
Wed	6/21	Exam 1 – Chapters 1 – 5		Exam 1
Thur	6/22	Pres. George Washington & the Politics of Virtue The French Revolution & John Adams	Chap. 6	
Week 3				
Mon	6/26	Jeffersonian America & the War of 1812: Causes & Consequences	Chap. 7	
Tue	6/27	Andrew Jackson’s America Democracy & American Culture, 1820 – 1840	Chap. 8	
Wed	6/28	Market Revolution and Slavery in America, 1815 – 1848	Chap. 9	
Thur	6/29	Revivalism, Reform & the Arts, 1820 – 1850	Chap. 10	
Week 4				
Mon	7/3	Exam 2 – Chapters 6 – 10		Exam 2
Tue	7/4	<i>Independence Day Holiday – No Class</i>		
Wed	7/5	Manifest Destiny: the U.S. Spreads West, 1840 – 1848 <i>Last Day to Drop with a “W”</i>	Chap. 11	
Thur	7/6	Slavery & Sectionalism, 1848 – 1861	Chap. 12	
Week 5				
Mon	7/10	Sectionalism and the Coming of War		
Tue	7/11	A Nation Torn Apart: the America Civil War, 1861 – 1865	Chap. 13	
Wed	7/12	Reconstruction and the New South, 1863 - 1890	Chap. 14	
Thur	7/13	Exam 3 – Chapters 11 – 14		Exam 3