

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Winter 2021	Instructor Name:	Shawn Barcroft
Course Title & #:	United States History: Prehistory to Reconstruction	Email:	shawn.barcroft@imperial.edu
CRN #:	15078	Units:	Three
Classroom:	Online	Office Hours:	None
Class Dates:	Jan. 4 – Feb. 4, 2021	Emergency Contact:	Use email

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 social, political, economic, racial, gender, 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.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None.

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; (2) describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event; and (3) explain and analyze the key information contained in a primary source document.

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.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

- Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History, Vol. 1, Seagull* (Fourth Edition)
ISBN: 9780393920307
- Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*
ISBN: 9780486284996
- There will also be required additional readings and resources posted in Canvas:
<https://imperial.instructure.com/login/canvas>

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – U.S. History: Prehistory to Reconstruction

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar			
Dates	Lecture Topic	Required Reading	Notes
1/4	Course Introduction	Ch. 1.	
1/5	A New World and Consequences of Colonialization		
1/6	(Continued)		
1/7	English in North America: Virginia, Maryland, and New England	Ch. 2.	
1/8	Colonies in Crisis—Bacon, Metacom, Witches	Ch. 3: To page 94.	Quiz 1 and 2: Due by Sunday, 11:59 p.m.
1/11	Restoration Colonies—Pennsylvania, Carolina, and New York	Ch. 3: Page 95 to the end of the chapter.	
1/12	Development of American Slavery	Ch. 4: To page 151.	
1/13	American Enlightenment and Great Awakening	Ch. 4: Page 152 to the end of the chapter.	
1/14	French and Indian War		
1/15	Coming of Revolution	Ch. 5.	Quiz 3 and 4: Due by Sunday, 11:59 p.m.
1/18	No Class		
1/19	American Revolutionary War	Ch. 6.	Exam 1 will open at 11:59 a.m.
1/20	Exam 1 is due Thursday by 11:59 a.m.		
1/21	A New Government	Ch. 7.	
1/22	Age of Passion: Washington, Hamilton, and Adams	Ch. 8: To page 302.	
1/25	Age of Passion: Jefferson	Ch. 8: Page 302 to 310.	
1/26	War of 1812	Ch. 8: Page 310 to the end of the chapter.	
1/27	Market Revolution	Ch. 9.	
1/28	America after the War of 1812	Ch. 10.	
1/29	The Age of Jackson		Quiz 5 and 6: Due by Sunday, 11:59 p.m.
2/1	The Peculiar Institution	Ch. 11.	Analytical Essay: Due by 11:59 p.m. on Canvas.
2/2	Abolitionist and Feminist Movements	Ch. 12.	
2/3	Lincoln and the American Civil War	Ch. 13: Page 492 to the end of chapter. Ch. 14.	Exam 2 will open at 11:59 a.m.
2/4	Exam 2 is due Friday by 11:59 p.m.		

Note: Changes to the course will be posted on Canvas. It is important for you to check the course “Home Page” and “Announcements” on a regular basis so that you don’t miss any information.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

The quantity of assignments and the listed point values are subject to change. Changes will appear on Canvas. Extra credit may or may not be offered. Extra credit assignments will not be given on an individual basis. Here is a look at the course assignments and grading scale:

Course Assignments			Grading Scale
Analytical Essay	1 x 100	100 points	A: 100 – 90.0%
Discussion Boards and Short Papers	10 x 25**	225 points	B: 89.9 – 80.0%
Exams	2 x 150	300 points	C: 79.9 – 70.0%
Student Bio	1 x 15	15 points	D: 69.9 – 60.0%
Quizzes	6 x 12##	60 points	F: 59.9 – 0%

** Your lowest score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

You will be able to take each quiz twice. Also, your lowest score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Please do not email me at the end of the semester asking me to round your grade up or to do any extra credit.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Instructional Methods: This course will include two to four lectures a week. Lectures may be in written or video form, and will often include information not covered in your readings. Students may also be required to read, and watch material posted on Canvas. Reading is expected to be completed during that of the assigned week. All writing assignments must be submitted on Canvas. Do not email your assignments unless I have given you prior approval. **All assignments must be submitted in a PDF or Word.doc format. Do NOT submit assignments in other formats.** This class moves quickly so it will be important for you to check Canvas for all due dates.

Analytical Essay: You will write one analytical five-paragraph essay on the history of American slavery using your textbook, lecture, and the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. This assignment will be worth up to 100 points. You must submit your response on Canvas. **Note:** Submissions will be penalized three points for each calendar day the assignment is late. Late penalties will not exceed more than 30 points.

Discussion Boards (DBs): Modules will consist of one or two discussion board assignments. Each DB will be worth a total of 25 points. I will provide the class with question(s) based on presented material from that week.

- **How do I score 25 points each week?**
You must answer the presented question(s) each week. DB responses should be well thought out and include specific details and examples which demonstrate your understanding of the course material. For each DB you must quote the presented material. Quotes must be cited using Chicago Style at the bottom of your post. You can find a guide to citing Chicago Style on Canvas. Outside material is not allowed and may result in a zero on the assignment. Unless noted differently on Canvas, DB responses will have a minimum word count and must be posted by 11:59 pm on Thursday of each week. Failure to meet the minimum word count or to cite using Chicago Style will result in a point deduction.
- **DB peer responses**
The DBs are used to facilitate group discussions and the sharing of ideas related to the class content. You must also respond to two of your classmates’ posts. Unless noted differently on Canvas, your peer responses must be posted by 11:59 pm on Sunday. Peer responses are worth up to four points. These responses must be thorough

and well thought out. “Nice,” and “I completely agree,” are not proper responses. Please feel free to respond to as many of your peers as you would like as this will help to facilitate a good discussion. Just remember, two peer responses are the minimum to receive the maximum of 25 points for your DB work. **Note:** You may not post all of your posts on the same day. You should revisit the DB throughout the week. Failure to post on multiple days will result in a point deduction.

- **Other DB details**

I will not open early or reopen a DB for a single student. **Post all your responses into the DB textbox, do not upload a file.** You must post your response before viewing or responding to your classmates. If the DB is still open on Canvas you can submit your response. In general, it is better to submit a late DB than not submit one at all. Posting an empty or edited initial post will result in a zero, so please be careful. This is a zero-tolerance policy. Please remember to be respectful to your peers. Disrespectful or inappropriate comments will result in a zero on the assignment. Lastly, your lowest DB score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Exams: There will be at least two exams. Exams will cover the assigned readings, my lectures, material posted on Canvas, and everything we discuss or watch up to that point in class. The final exam will not be cumulative. I will not allow a make-up examination except in instances in which a student has a documented medical emergency. Exams may consist of an essay, short identification, multiple choice, and/or matching questions. I will post a study guide for the exam on Canvas to review.

Short Papers: Over the course of the semester you will be assigned short response papers. These papers will analyze historical films and/or primary source documents. Material and assignment prompts will be posted in your weekly module. Each submission will be worth 25 points. You will not be allowed to submit your response once the assignment has closed on Canvas.

Each submission must have your name, the date, the name of the course, and the word count single-spaced in the top right-hand corner. The title of the document should be 12-point Times-New Roman centered type and include the title of the documents being analyzed. Body text must be 12-point Times New Roman, lines must be double-spaced, and the document must have one-inch margins. You must use two short direct quotes in each response. Please see the Chicago Citation Guide on Canvas. Failure to cite your information may lead to a zero grade. If your submission has a similarity/plagiarism score of 50% or higher you will receive zero credit—so, use your own thoughts and words. Answer each question separately, unless told otherwise. Do not include the given questions.

Student Introduction: You are required to write or film a short biography. Your submission must be posted by the end of the second day of class or you may be dropped from the course. This assignment will be worth 15 points.

Textbook Quizzes: There will be reading quizzes based on individual chapters from Give Me Liberty!. Each quiz will be worth 12 points. Quiz dates are located on Canvas. I will not reopen a quiz after it has closed on Canvas and there are no make-ups for these assignments. **Note:** Your lowest quiz score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

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.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class **or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class may 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.

Classroom Etiquette

- **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

- **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 properly online.
- **Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette:** (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 appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

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

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **Canvas LMS:** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services:** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services:** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

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 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations. **Note:** If you need assistance with accessing content in the course please contact me.

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.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services:** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also, under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

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.

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