

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Winter 2023	Instructor Name:	Gilberto Reyes
Course Title & #:	History 120	Email:	gilberto.reyes@imperial.edu
CRN #:	15035	Webpage (optional):	N/A
Classroom:	404	Office #:	N/A
Class Dates:	Jan-3 to Feb-3	Office Hours:	N/A
Class Days:	M-T-W-Th-F	Office Phone #:	N/A
Class Times:	12:30 to 2:40 pm	Emergency Contact:	Send me an email, or if it is an emergency please contact Elvia Camillo at 760- 355-6144.
Units:	3.0	Class Format:	Lecture

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. (C-ID HIST 130) (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film. (ILO1)
2. Describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event. (ILO1, ILO2)
3. Explain the significance of a historical text by the end of the course. (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:

1. Describe the peoples and cultures existing in North America before European contact.
2. Describe European exploration of North America and early colonization efforts.
3. Describe the British colonies of North America and explain the role of the colonies within the British Empire.

4. Discuss and analyze labor relations, indentured servants, and slavery in British North America.
5. Understand colonial-Native American and U.S.-Native American relations.
6. Understand the factors that led to the American Revolution and the key events, personalities and effects of the Revolutionary War.
7. Understand how the American political and legal system was created and how it functioned in the early national period.
8. Identify important political trends and figures and the rise of political parties in ante-bellum America.
9. Understand U.S. foreign policy before 1877.
10. Explain the evolution of the market economy of the nineteenth century.
11. Explain how technology shaped culture, social arrangements, leisure, family life, and work.
12. Understand how immigrants impacted society, politics and culture.
13. Explain the status of women before 1877.
14. Understand the role of sectionalism in early American history.
15. Describe how religion impacted society, intellectual currents, and political thought.
16. Analyze Westward expansion, Manifest Destiny and the Mexican-American War.
17. Discuss the major factors that led to the Civil War and the key events and personalities of that war.
18. Understand the significance of the Civil War on society, race relations, economics, and politics.
19. 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

Michael Schaller, et al. American Horizons: U.S. History in a Global Context, Volume 1, Third Edition, 2018. Oxford University Press. Softcover version. ISBN: 978-0-19-065948-6

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Research (Due Tuesday Jan 31)

Write a **four to five** research paper. You will pick any topic on an event, person or social event that we discussed in class. The topic must be from the 1400s to before the U.S. Civil War 1860s. In addition, you must mention the importance of why do we need to know about such event, person, or cultural movement. And how it is linked to U.S. History. Also, the research must have a **thesis argument** to get a full grade.

Sources: You must use at least three to four sources to get full points. Sources can be Internet articles (**NO Wikipedia**), Newspaper or magazine articles, and books. You can also use the class reading as a source. The Sources are going to help you understand and explain what happen in the United States during that time. I will expect a Bibliography (we will look how to make one bibliography in class).

Format: The format of the assignment can be written in MLA or Chicago Style. The research must have at least four citations. 12-point Times New Roman format always.

Research Project must be turned in via Canvas, do not send it via email. I will not accept late assignments (no excuses you have the whole semester to work on it)

Mid-Term and Final.

the Mid-Term and Final will be on the terms we have discuss in the lecture and there will be a written essay. There are going to be two to four essay questions, you would only choose one out of the two or four questions. The essay questions would be based on the lecture notes. In the essay, the student will identify important terms and historical figures that shape the political, economic, and social life of the United States during the last decades of the 19th century and the 20th century.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

A = 100-90%, B = 89-80%, C = 79-70%, D = 69-60%, F = 59% or lower

Grades will be based on the following percentages:

Final = 30 %

Mid-Term = 30%

Research = 30%

Participation = 10%

Final = 100 Points

Mid-Term = 100 points

Research = 100 points

Participation = 20 Points

Total of points 320

Email Policy

When send an email to your instructor please write your full name and in what class you are in. and try to be respectful to the instructor. Do not be disrespectful when writing an email examples “hey when’s the assignment due?” “did we have homework today?” or “hey I am going to be absent” email whose answers are given in the syllabus will be ignored.

In addition, I will not answer emails on the weekend unless there is an emergency. Also, do not send an email with questions whose answers are on the class syllabus.

Course 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.

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.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

[Provide a tentative overview of the readings, assignments, tests, and/or other activities for the duration of the course. A table format as in the example below may be used for this purpose.]

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 Tues/Jan 3	Syllabus & Introduction Native Americans Culture and History	
Wed/Jan 4	Native Americans Culture and History	
Th/Jan 5	European Empires in North America	
Fri/Jan 6	African Society 1400s to 1700s & The Arrival of Enslaves workers to North America	Show examples on the Research.
Week 2 Mon/ Jan 9	Colonies in North America 1700s and the American Revolutionary War	
Tues/ Jan 10	The Struggles of a New Nation	
Wed/ Jan 11	Louisiana Purchase and the Environmental Change It Had to the West	
Th / Jan 12	War of 1812 (American Exceptionalism).	
Fri / Jan 13	Manifest Destiny & the Trial Tears.	
Week 3 Mon / Jan 16	<u>No Class (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)</u>	
Tues/ Jan 17	Manifest Destiny & the Trial Tears	
Wed/ Jan 18	Mexican American War	
Th / Jan 19	Mexican American War	
Fri / Jan 20	The Struggles of the Mexicans in the Southwest	<u>Mid-Term is Due</u>
Week 4 Mon / Jan 23	<u>Work on the Research</u>	
Tues / Jan 24	The Struggles of the Mexicans in the Southwest	
Wed / Jan 25	The Chinese Experience in the U.S.	
Th / Jan 26	The Irish Experience in the U.S.	
Fri / Jan 27	The Irish Experience in the U.S.	
	Slavery and Southern Society (Before U.S. Civil War)	

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 5 Mon / Jan 30	Slavery and Southern Society (Before U.S. Civil War)	
Tues / Jan 31	U.S. Civil War	<u>Research is Due (Must be turn in via Canvas)</u>
Wed / Feb 1	U.S. Civil War	
Th / Feb 2	Review for the Final	<u>All Five Questions Must be turn in via Canvas</u>
Fri / Feb 3	<u>Final</u>	

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****