

CGCC HI 103: United States History 1492-1865

General overview of the curriculum

This is the first half of a survey course that begins with an overview of United States history from colonial times into the 21st century. The primary emphasis will focus on the development of a constitutional system as well as the social and economic events that helped shape early America. Topics include the Colonial period, American Revolution, the ratification of the Constitution, Jacksonian democracy, the forces that led to the development of the Civil War and the lingering impact of the war on contemporary America.

Overview of assignments

There will be four units/11 chapters covered during the semester. Each chapter and unit will have an online exam. There will be one essay written for each unit, a midterm exam, a cumulative final, and one research paper. There will be daily vocabulary and critical thinking responses due for homework and one current event due each month. Due dates are detailed on the class calendar.

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Summer Assignment

There is no summer assignment.

Expectations, policies, and tips for success

All assignments must be completed in full and on time. Late work is strongly discouraged and accepted only in the most extenuating of circumstances. Students should use the class calendar and plan ahead so that they can stay on pace with their work and not get overwhelmed. Students may submit essays days early to receive feedback and improve their writing. Students should be fully committed to the course once they begin and should plan for a challenging but fulfilling year. Students should avoid registering for the course to be with friends or “just to try it out.”

Materials list

1. Folder
2. Loose leaf paper for homework and warmup responses
3. Pens and pencils