

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER SYLLABUS

**U.S. HISTORY I  
HIST 2010**

**Class Hours: 3.0**

**Credit Hours: 3.0**

**Laboratory Hours: 0.0**

**Revised: Spring 2014**

**Catalog Course Description:**

A survey of U.S. history from settlement to 1877.

**Entry Level Standards:**

The ability to read with a questioning mind and to write essay answers to exams is essential to performing well in this course. Students are also expected to be "active learners" in the sense that they should seek to accomplish more than memorization and passive absorption of reading material. Students should be prepared to spend at least two hours preparation time outside class for each class hour. No previous knowledge of the history of United States history is required.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

None

**Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:**

*America: A Concise History*. James Henretta 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Bedford St .Martins.

**I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
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1	Introduction; Contact, Conflict and Exchange in the Atlantic World
2	Colonization of North America
3	Crisis and Change
4	The Expansion of Colonial British America
5	Wars for Independence
6	Toward a More Perfect Union
7	The Federalist Republic
8	The New Republic Faces a New Century

NOTE: The exact organization of material per week and time allotted to a particular topic may vary slightly from instructor to instructor.

9	Exploded Boundaries
10	The Years of Andrew Jackson
11	Panic and Boom
12	Expansion and Reaction
13	Broken Bonds
14	Civil War
15	Reconstruction; Final Exam Period

## II. Course Goals\*:

The course will:

- A. Gain a basic understanding of the American past through a survey of key events and personalities between settlement and 1877. IV.1, IV.3
- B. Establish major political, cultural, social and economic themes and trace continuity and change from the 15th through the 19th centuries. IV.1, IV.3
- C. Promote students ability to think critically about the past. IV.2, IV.3
- D. Analyze ways in which the American past influences present events. IV.1 IV.4

\*Roman numerals after course goals reference TBR's general education goals.

## III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes\*:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify major political, social cultural and economic themes in United States history from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A.
2. Understand how present assumptions, values and practices emerged from previous ideas and institutions. D.
3. Write analytical essays that explore the major themes in United States history. B
4. Recognize the ways in which past cultural values differ from that of contemporary society. C

\* Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

## IV. Evaluation:

### A. Testing Procedures:

Students will be asked to write a series of essays that require them to create a factually based interpretation of past societies. The majority of the final grade will come from this form of evaluation. Instructors may also make use of reading quizzes, require their students to interpret and evaluate original historical sources, and/or ask them to participate in extracurricular cultural events as part of their graded work for the course.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

N/A

C. Field Work:

N/A

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

N/A

E. Grading Scale

The precise grading scale will be determined by individual instructors.

**VI. Policies:**

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one's own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

Please see the Pellissippi State Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 04:02:00 Academic/Classroom Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions for the complete policy.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students that need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by sending email to [disabilityservices@pstcc.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@pstcc.edu), or visiting Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131. More information is available at <http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/>.

#### D. Other Policies:

Students are expected to demonstrate respectful behavior towards their instructor and their classmates. Conduct that disrupts the learning environment could result in a student's expulsion from the class. For more information, please refer to the "Student Disciplinary Rules" section of the college catalogue.