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ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number: HIST2013

Course Title: United States History I

Course Description: A general survey of the history of the United States through the Civil War era. The information within this site is supplemented with a textbook, library assignments, homework, and links to sites on the Web. Students will read textbook assignments, complete other assignments, respond to essay questions, and answer class discussion questions.

Instructor: Robert Gunnels, Phillip Allison, Dan Milam

Instructor Bio

Robert Gunnels has been employed by SAU Tech since 1996 as an instructor of social sciences and most recently as Vice Chancellor for Extended Education. M.A. Auburn University; B.S. Southern Arkansas University.

Phillip Allison has served as an adjunct for SAU Tech since 2013. He also teaches history at Louisiana Tech University, Barksdale Air Force Base, and SAU. He is also employed by the United States Postal Service.

Dan Milam is a first-year faculty member at SAU Tech where he teaches history, government, and geography. Previously he taught social studies at Holy Redeemer Schools in El Dorado, Arkansas. M.A. Louisiana Tech University; B.S.E. University of Arkansas.

Prerequisite: Appropriate ACT or equivalent score on alternate test, CO0133 and CO0223.

Textbook Information: American Journey: Brief, (Combined Brief Edition), 5th edition, by Goldfield, Abbott, et.al., Prentice Hall Publishers, 1998.

Learning Outcomes:

The student will demonstrate by scoring 60% or higher on examinations that he/she can recognize the significant historical events that occurred in the time period being studied and outline and discuss the environmental and cultural elements that caused the historical events to develop as they did. Relevant General Education Competencies are:

- #1: Writing
- #3: Social Sciences
- #4: Critical Thinking
- #5: Research

On-Campus Requirement

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college website at www.sautech.edu for detailed information.

Modes of Interaction

This course is divided into five units of study. Each unit consists of study lessons made up of key terms and review questions from textbook reading. Students are to complete the study lessons as a review for unit exams. Students are required to select from a list of essay questions for each unit and write a two page analytical essay. A short biographical paper on a person connected to the time period being covered in each unit is also required. Students must post a discussion board response to a critical thinking question for each unit. A course project in the form of a movie review paper is required. Students must maintain regular contact with the instructor. The instructor responds to student assignment submissions and discussion board posts.

Methods of Assessment

Multiple choice unit exams and proctored comprehensive final exam using question banks in WebCT.

Enrollment Procedures

SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:

- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$10 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

Admissions Office Website

<http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx>

Course Registration Website

<http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>

Technical Requirements and Resources

Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

Library Website

<http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/library.aspx>

Bookstore Website

<http://sautech.textbooktech.com>

Adult Learner Resources

Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

Student Support and Learning Resources

Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

Other Considerations

Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class. Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:

- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s). The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things. Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).

- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
 - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
 - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
 - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976>
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files

- Cost: Free
- Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://javashop1m.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre->