University of Texas at Arlington

**History 1311**

**U.S. History to 1865**

**Fall 2016**

**Meeting Times:** MWF 8:00-8:50 AM

**Location:** University Hall – 115

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**Required Book**

1. Tindall and Shi, *America: A Narrative History* 10th Edition

**Course Objectives**

An introduction to the political, social, economic, and cultural history of the United States prior to 1865. This course is designed to help students understand and evaluate their society, comprehend the historical experience, and further develop reading and writing competencies and critical skills. Prerequisite: completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1301.

**Course Grades**

**Tests**: 4 exams each worth 25 percent.

Exam 1 – Friday, 23 September

Exam 2 – Friday, 14 October

Exam 3 – Friday, 11 November

Exam 4 – Week of Finals

**Exam Content**

25 Multiple Choice Questions worth 1 point each. (50%)

1 Essay worth 50 points. (50%)

**You will need to purchase a Scantron form 882 and a Blue/Green Book for each exam**

**Grading:**

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Average: Final grade:

100-90 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-60 D

59-0 F

\*\*\*If you require special accommodations because of a disability, you must register through the disability office. No special accommodations can be made without being registered through their office.

**Missed Exams:**

Students who miss an exam and provide the instructor with a valid excuse for their absence may take a makeup up to one week after the test date. Makeup exams will normally consist of one essay question drawn from the essays given on the study guide. It is your responsibility to contact the professor to arrange a makeup.

**Course Outline:**

Unit I Origins of America Slavery Colonial Period Revolution

Unit II The Constitution The New Nation Early Conflicts

Unit III Jackson’s America Nationalism and Sectionalism Westward Expansion

Unit IV The 1850s The Civil War

**I retain the right to alter this schedule but will inform students of any such alterations.**

**Academic Dishonesty**

Any student caught cheating on the exams will immediately have their exam taken up by the instructor or teaching assistant and be asked to leave the room. The incident will be documented and turned over to the proper university personnel for review and action. I will not tolerate cheating in any form. For any questions or clarification of how UTA defines academic dishonesty please visit <http://www.uta.edu/conduct/academic-integrity/>

**Classroom Attendance and Behavior**

There is no formal attendance policy for the course. You are a consumer who purchased this course; if you choose not to attend, your grade will most likely suffer. That is your choice to make.

As such, you are each also expected to treat your instructor and classmates with respect at all times. This includes not talking while the instructor is talking; not using cell phones, laptop computers, and other electronics as distractions during class; not wearing headphones during class; and arriving on time and not leaving early except in an emergency.

**Blackboard**

The instructor will post the syllabus, study guides, other relevant documents, and course readings on Blackboard. These will be available for you to peruse at your leisure. Make sure you familiarize yourself with Blackboard ASAP. I will post study guides, readings, and grades on Blackboard.