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WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS AND INSTRUCTOR PLAN

History 1

**US History 1 – NUMBER #1301
C16**

Jaime Soto

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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Fall Semester 2022

Course Description:

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period.

United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras.

Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government.

Semester Hours 3 (3 lec).

Instructor:

Jaime Soto

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0402.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

1. Students are expected to read ahead and be prepared to complete discussions, assignments, quizzes and exams.
2. Students are responsible for reviewing class notes and any supplemental material distributed in class.
3. Exams will be available for students on announcements page when units have been completed
4. Email Policy: Please use MCC Email or Midway ISD Email to contact me as this is my mode of preference. Make sure you include in your emails your name, course number, (e.g. Hist 1). Due to Cyber Security Reasons I will only respond to district emails not personal emails.
5. Attendance Policy: Students are NOT required to attend office hours but are encouraged. Class attendance is very important. Absences must have a validated note or document to be considered excused.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Jaime Soto

MCC Email: jsoto@mcc.edu

Office Phone Number: (818) 599-7414

Office Location: Live Zoom Office Hours

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: Thursdays 5:00pm

Other Instruction Information: None

Required Text & Materials:

Title: Give Me Liberty

Author: Eric Foner

Edition: 6th

Publisher: Norton

ISBN: 978-0-393-44595-4

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Examples: Lecture, discussion groups, group projects, field trips, lab exercises, projects, service learning assignments, student performances/presentations, portfolio, written reports/papers, exams, quizzes, simulators, and/or tutorial software.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Students will be able to survey the political, social, economic, and constitutional history of the United States from its colonial beginnings through the American Civil War. Students will be able to identify major political and cultural themes including the chronology of pre-colonial and post-colonial North America. Students will be able to critically analyze ideas, events, people, and forces that have shaped the nation and significantly contributed to the foundations, principles and laws that have shaped the American Nation.

Course Outline or Schedule:

In the First week we will cover Colonial America from Spanish to English Crowns. By the second and third weeks we will examine American Societal beginnings. By the fourth and fifth Weeks we will examine the the American Revolution. By the fifth and sixth weeks we will look at the early government. By the Seventh and eighth weeks we will look at slavery and antebellum.

By the ninth and tenth weeks we will examine cultural and religious transformations. By the eleventh and twelfth weeks we will look at the policies and tensions in American Society. By the thirteenth to fifteenth week we will examine the American Civil War and Reconstruction. We will view class material including multimedia and supplemental videos. I will notify students in class or email if any material is subject to change.

Course Grading Information:

Final Grade: The final grade will be determined according to the following criteria: **4 written essay exams total** worth 800 points maximum. 2 Movie Reviews worth 100 points total. 8 Discussion(s) worth up to 100 points total. Maximum points that can be earned are 1000 points. In order to earn the maximum number of points for each assignment students must provide detail answers with clear and concise examples that enforce their points of argument. Essays must be a minimum of 2 pages per answer minimum, 12 font and double spaced.

1. Examination #1 (2 Essays: 2 pages each essay) 200 points
2. Examination #2 (2 Essays: 2 pages each essay) 200 points
3. Examination #3 (2 Essays: 2 pages each essay) 200 points
4. Participation - Weekly Discussion Boards 100 points
(total 8) 12.5pts each)
5. Movie Review (two movie reviews: 50 points each) 100 points
6. Final Examination (2 essays: 2 pages each essay) 200 points

Plagiarism

Please do not copy in verbatim any material without providing MLA citations, quotations, or giving credit to sources outside the realm of your own words. Failure to do so can result in "cheating," "plagiarism," etc.) The penalties can range from failing the assignment to facing consequences set forth by the College. Please ask instructor if you have any questions or doubts prior to submitting assignments or if you have questions regarding plagiarism.

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

- **Late Work Policy:** Late or emailed work will not be accepted. Please do not submit work close to the deadlines as you risk internet connections, unforeseen issues, submission problems, etc., etc. To this remember Sir Issac Newton's famous Rule: "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong"
- **Student Notice:** Students will be allowed to make up missed exams only if the student contacts me prior to the test date and/or provides a legitimate reason and or produces an official

Doctor or professional(s) note with substantial/acceptable motives with contact verification information that is agreed to by me.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Proper conduct and respect for instructor, students, guests, and peers, must always be followed during class time and during our Zoom Office Hour meetings.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit <https://www.mclennan.edu/disability/>.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <https://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/incidentLandingPageV2-MCC.asp>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at <https://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you

or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>.

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity/> for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy regarding college email, which can be found at <https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/student-email/>.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.