



WACO, TEXAS

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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**United States History I  
HIST\_1301\_D049**

**Brian Strickland**

**NOTE: This is a 16-week course.**

## UNITED STATE HISTORY I

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#### **Course Description:**

##### **HIST 1301**

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.

#### **Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Prerequisite: Must have passed the reading section of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0402.  
Semester Hours 3 (3 lecture)

#### **Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

Insert and course notes or recommendations

#### **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Brian Strickland  
MCC E-mail: bstrickland@mclennan.edu  
Office Phone Number: 254-981-2010  
Office Location: #103  
Office/Teacher Conference Hours: 7:00-8:00AM/4:00-5:00PM  
Other Instruction Information: TBD

#### **Required Text & Materials:**

Title: *Give Me Liberty*  
Author: Eric Foner  
Edition: 6th  
Publisher: W.W. Norton  
ISBN: 978-0-44595

*A Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass*

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

**Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

Examples: Lecture, discussion groups, group projects, projects, student performances/presentations, portfolio, written reports/papers, exams, quizzes, simulators, and/or tutorial software.

**Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

**Critical Thinking:** Through lecture and a variety of objective strategies, students will be assessed on critical thinking ability. Objective examinations will specifically be used to assess critical thinking. Other assessment vehicles may include essays, portfolios, primary source objective exams, and presentations.

**Communication:** Measures such as objective tests, written assignments, discussions, portfolios and presentations may be used to measure the student's ability to communicate.

**Social Responsibility:** Because the teaching of history involves evoking examples of successes and failures in social responsibility, and the continual importance of this issue politically and personally today, social responsibility naturally is emphasized. Assessment measures may include readings, primary document exams, discussions, projects and essays.

**Personal Responsibility:** Because the teaching of history also involves evoking examples of successes and failures in personal responsibility, and the consequences that personal choices can have, personal responsibility is also naturally emphasized. Assessment measures may include participation, readings, primary document exams, discussions, projects and essays.

**Learning Outcomes**

**Expected learning outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1) demonstrate adequate knowledge of U.S. history from the colonial period to 1877.
- 2) understand the development of American institutions during this period.
- 3) practice better citizenship due to an increased knowledge of the political, economic, and cultural developments of the United States during this period.

**Upon successful completion of this course, students will:**

Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.

Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.

Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

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#### **Course Attendance/Participation Guidelines:**

If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

Before the 60% point of the semester, a student who is absent for 25% or more of a face-to-face or blended course or who miss 25% or more of assigned work for an online course will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. A student may also request to be withdrawn with a grade of W before the 60% point of the semester. After the 60% point of the semester, the student may request to be withdrawn if the student is passing, or be assigned the final grade earned at the end of the semester after grades have been updated to reflect missing work.

#### **Course Outline or Schedule:**

##### **Course Outline**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Required Reading</b>
1	Intro to class/New World Beginnings	Chapter 1
2	Beginnings of English America	Chapter 2
3	Creating Anglo America	Chapter 3
4	Slavery, Freedom, and the Struggle for Empire	Chapter 4
5	American Revolution/Revolution Within	Chapter 5 & 6
6	Founding A Nation	Chapter 7
7	Securing the Republic	Chapter 8
8	Market Revolution	Chapter 9
9	Democracy in America	Chapter 10
10	The Peculiar Institution	Chapter 11
11	An Age of Reform	Chapter 12
12	A House Divided/A New Birth of Freedom	Chapter 13 & 14
13	A New Birth of Freedom	Chapter 14
14	Reconstruction	Chapters 15
15	Reconstruction	Chapter 15
16	Final Exams	

**Course Grading Information:**

2 exams combining objective and subjective questions-15 % each- (**Exam I- September 15, Exam II- November 10**)

Midterm Exam 25 % (**October 13**)

Book Test-10% (**December 1**)

Online Assignments-10% (**Each Week by Friday by 4pm**)

Comprehensive Final Exam-25% (**December 4-6**)

**Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

**Class Attendance:**

You are expected to attend every class meeting and be on time. Materials from the lectures will be on the three major exams; so good class notes are crucial. If you miss more than 6 classes, see me about this problem.

If you decide to stop attending this class, **it is your responsibility to formally withdraw. Failure to formally withdraw will result in an F for the course.** Exception: if you stop attending class before taking the first exam and don't return you will receive a "W".

**Make-Up Exams:** I strongly encourage you not to miss an exam. Make-up exams will only be administered with permission from the instructor and on the date set by the instructor. If you miss an exam, please see me immediately. Make-up exams may include modified or more material than the original exam.

**Extra Credit:** You have two opportunities for extra credit which will add 3 points to your final average. You may attend a Historical Museum and write a 2 page summary of how your visit informed your knowledge of your experience on the visit of that particular museum.

Or

You may rent a movie that relates to 20<sup>th</sup> century US History and write a 2 page summary of how the movie enhanced your knowledge on a particular subject. A list of approved movies will be posted on the bulletin board or you may see me for suggestions.

**I strongly encourage you to do the extra credit assignment as early as possible. The due date for extra credit assignments is due on December 2, 2022. I will not accept extra credit after that date.**

**Late Work: NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS: MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE TIME FRAME ALLOWED. NO MAKE UP WORK WILL BE ASSIGNED IF YOU MISSED THE DUE DATE.**

**Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

**Cell Phones, iPods, MP3's:** Cell phones, iPods, MP3's, and any other distractive devices **must be turned off and stored in the appropriate cell phone slot before the beginning of class**. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by the instructor..

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\* [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 guidelines specific to this course.

\* *You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.*

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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 [www.mclennan.edu/disability](http://www.mclennan.edu/disability).

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

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu) 2542998122 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 acting Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center 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 <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>. Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at [www.mclennan.edu/titleix/](http://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/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email ([ast@mclennan.edu](mailto:ast@mclennan.edu)) by going to our website (<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/>).

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 either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing [crew@mclennan.edu](mailto:crew@mclennan.edu) or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to [https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_07byXd7eB8iTqJg](https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg). Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's 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](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**

Go to [www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity) for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

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

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teachingandlearning/FacultyandStaffCommons/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 (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. 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 [www.mclennan.edu/studentemail](http://www.mclennan.edu/studentemail).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.