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# United States History to 1877 (HIST-041)

## U.S. History, Part 1 Syllabus

### Course Description

This is a general survey of United States history from 1492 to 1877; it will guide you through the colonization of the Americas, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the westward expansion, and the Civil War. This is the first course in a two-part United States History series (HIST 041 and HIST 043).

### Tips for Success

If you're new to online courses, or if you just need a quick refresher, be sure to take a look at the Student and Parent Handbook.

### Prerequisites

None

### Course Materials

All the materials you need are included in the course. You do not have to buy any additional textbooks.

### Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe many of the main people, events, and ideas which contributed to the founding and early development of the United States of America.
2. Describe and evaluate American identity, how the U.S. political system works, and to what degree the country has lived up to the ideals that are claimed as a nation.
3. Analyze how history is put together and evaluate historical sources and evidence.
4. Articulate thoughts about history (and other subjects) in many different ways.
5. Analyze historical events and how it has affected the nation today.

## Grading and Assignments

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams.

*Table of Assignments and Grade Percentages*

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
Discussion Boards	Teacher Graded	10%
Assignments and Note Taking Guides	Teacher Graded	50%
Quizzes	Computer Graded	25%
Midterm and Final Exam	Computer Graded	15%

### Resubmissions and Retakes

For information about resubmitting assignments and retaking quizzes, please contact your AK Grad instructor.

### Discussion Boards

There are a total of 2 discussion boards to give you the opportunity to communicate your ideas about certain topics; to collaborate, connect with, and learn from others; and to provide meaningful and respectful feedback. Remember to follow the discussion board rules. Failure to follow the rules can put you in jeopardy of failing the assignment, and your teacher may take further action to solve the issue. Please remember to be a good digital citizen and use technology to engage in meaningful ways with others.

### Assignments

At various points throughout the course, you will need to submit a teacher-graded assignment that will evaluate your knowledge of the content included in that module. Take the opportunity to apply what you have learned, and demonstrate your understanding of the lessons by analyzing and making comparisons. A rubric is included to help you review the requirements so that you include all the details in your assignment.

The assignments that have “skill” in the title of the assignment will help you develop the skill for this course. As long as you complete the assignment successfully and complete the outcome, you should be able to claim the optional micro-credential.

### Note-Taking Guides

As part of the requirements of this course, you are required to complete 3 Note Taking Guides. The first guide will include your notes from Modules 1–4, and you will submit at the end of Module 4. The second guide will include your notes from Modules 5–8, and you will submit it in Module 9. The last guide will include your notes from Modules 10–15, and you will submit it in Module 16. Click on the links below to preview each guide, or to download them click on the down arrow.

[Note Taking Guide Modules 1–4](#)

[Note Taking Guide Modules 5–8](#)

[Note Taking Guide Modules 10–15](#)

### Module Quizzes

At the end of each module, you will submit a computer-graded quiz that will test your knowledge of the content for that module. These are open-book quizzes.

## Exam

You will take a **Midterm Exam** that covers the first part of the course (Modules 1–8). The midterm is open-book and includes about 50 questions.

The **Final Exam** consists of about 50 questions and is comprehensive, but the questions concentrate more on the second part of the course. You will, however, be expected to use the knowledge you have learned in the first part of the course to make comparisons and answer more in-depth questions.

## Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams. Your letter grade will be calculated according to these percentages.

### *Percent to Letter Grade Calculation*

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A	100% – 93%
A–	92% – 90%
B+	89% – 87%
B	86% – 83%
B–	82% – 80%
C+	79% – 77%
C	76% – 73%
C–	72% – 70%
D+	69% – 67%
D	66% – 63%
D–	62% – 60%
F (fail)	59% – 0%