Syllabus for Arkansas History (HIS233 –01)

Fall 2021

Class Time and Location: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 – 10:45, Rm 249
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Prerequisite: None

Resources: Text - *Arkansas: A Narrative History,* author: Jeannie Whayne, et al, copyright 2002, University of Arkansas Press, ISBN: 1-55728-724-4

Course Description: This course offers a study of the political, social, and economic development of Arkansas from the era of exploration and early statehood to the present. Major themes include the Civil War and Reconstruction, segregation and disenfranchisement, progressivism, and civil rights. This course meets state requirements for elementary and secondary teachers and requires at least one paper using a documentation format

Program Outcomes:
Students will increase their:

- writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills.
- understanding of different cultures and societies across the globe and how both have changed over time.
- technological and research skills.

Rationale: This course provides the means by which students will accomplish the program outcomes outlined in the college catalogue, as evidenced by the listed course objectives.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the political, social, cultural, and economic development of Arkansas.
- Apply their knowledge of independent historical research and an understanding of primary sources.

Components:
Proper grammar
Proper documentation

- Teach and defend historical research with other students.
  Components:
  Collaboration with teammates
  Scholarly research

Course Schedule:
August 17 - Introduction
August 19 - Arkansas Geography
August 24 - Explorers
August 26 – Early statehood
August 31 – Early statehood
September 2 - Common Arkansans in early 1800s
September 7- Common Arkansans, continued
September 9 – Test #1
September 14 - Leading to the Civil War
September 16 – Leading to the Civil War
September 21 - Civil War
September 23 – Civil War
September 28 - Congressional Reconstruction
September 30 – Congressional Reconstruction
October 5 – Reconstruction to 1874
October 7 – Test # 2
October 12 - 1874 – 1880s
October 14 – 1880s
October 19 - Turn of the Century
October 21 – Progressive Era – 1920s
October 26 – Progressive Era – 1920s
October 28 - Test # 3
November 2 – Roaring 20s
November 4 – The Great Depression
November 9 – World War II
November 11 –1950s
November 16 – 1960s & 70s
November 18 – 1980s & 1990s
November 23 – current history
November 25 – No class –Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30 - Test # 4
December 2– Paper due & review for Final
Week of December 6 - Final

This syllabus is a work in progress. The dates, number of tests, and other items may change throughout the semester.

Course Conduct:
The majority of this class will be lecture oriented. However, there will be other projects and activities throughout the semester.

You are encouraged to form study groups to help in this class. You may also seek assistance from Student Support for help understanding the material or writing the paper. If you are having extreme difficulty, please make an appointment with me to discuss it.

UA Rich Mountain Credit Hour Calculator: For every course credit hour, you should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work, including but not limited to time attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/exams, research, writing papers, working with your team, and other activities that enhance learning. For a three-hour course, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course. This includes the time spent in class.

Course Requirements/Evaluation:
Grades will be based on four tests, the final exam, a short research paper, and team presentation. Grades are based on the standard grading scale: 90-100 (A), 80 – 89 (B), 70 – 79 (C), 60 – 69 (D), below 59 (F).

Tests: The majority of your grade will come from your test scores. Tests will be multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blanks, short answer, and essay. The final exam may be cumulative.

Research Paper:
You will be required to do a short research paper on an Arkansas History topic of your choice. Your paper should have an argument (a point you are trying to make), not just a summary of the historical event.
Sources to back up your argument:
I expect you to use a variety of sources. Try to use at least one primary source (Primary sources are those created at the time of the event you are to research. They include letters, diaries, newspapers of the era, original documents, etc.). Generate a working bibliography as you identify sources. This list of recent books and journal articles will serve as a guide for gathering other sources. Take careful notes, always indicating direct quotes.
The research paper will be approximately 4 – 6 pages in length, TYPED, and double-spaced. No folder is needed. A simple staple will do. As for style, avoid first-person, and do not change tense throughout the paper. Sources must be documented appropriately, i.e., use footnotes or endnotes and include a bibliography. For documentation of sources, you may use the standard guide for historical writing--The University of Chicago Press's Manual of Style or MLA style if you are more familiar with that.

Class Procedures/Student Requirements:
The classroom should be a learning environment, so, out of respect for others, please put your cell phone on silent. If you need to take a call, please step outside the classroom. No texting, playing games or using social media during class. Cell phones should only be used for legitimate classroom activities. Also, do not take any pictures or videos in class without permission.

Attendance is expected. Make-up tests and scheduled presentations will only be rescheduled if an absence is reported and excused beforehand. Make-up tests may be all essay. The research paper and other assignments are expected on the date they are due (they may be turned in ahead of time). Late papers will be accepted but not for full credit unless there is an emergency or you have cleared it with me beforehand. The same applies to other projects and assignments

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated**.** This includes plagiarism of papers and cheating on exams. Plagiarism also includes using paraphrasing tools and anti-plagiarism generators. Academic dishonesty will result in an F on the work in question. Recording a class or reposting, copying, or distributing material found on the Student Portal, Blackboard, or any class materials is expressly forbidden unless the instructor has given written permission. Students who violate Academic Integrity will face disciplinary sanctions that could result in suspension or expulsion from the college.

Disability Policy: It is the policy of UA Rich Mountain to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to state and federal law. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office, 394-7622 ext.1400.

Arkansas Clean Air Act: In compliance with the Arkansas Clean Air Act, UA Rich Mountain is a smoke and tobacco-free facility. Students and guests are to refrain from the use of all tobacco products while on campus.

Student Misconduct: Students committing misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanction(s) and or restrictions. Misconduct or prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to endangerment, harassment, disruption, sexual misconduct, dishonesty, illegal drugs and/or alcohol, fire or safety issues, gambling, property violations, computer violations, or other violations as listed in detail in the college catalog.

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Covid 19 Pandemic Changes:

Face Mask Policy: Due to the current status of Covid 19 cases in our area, all students are required to wear a proper face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth while in indoor public settings, including classrooms. This mandated requirement will continue until the number of active cases in our area goes down.

Crime statistics and information can be located on our webpage at:
http://www.uarichmountain.edu/at-a-glance/disclosures

See Something … Hear Something … Say Something
Suspicious behavior should be reported to Deputy on campus at (479) 394-6811 OR through an anonymous email link found on the college webpage. The Deputy Sheriff's office is located in the Spencer Building across from the library.

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. - Maya Angelou