

History 3310– History of the American West (Fall 2015)

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Instructions – History 3310 will be an all on-line web-based internet class. Each student should have access to a computer either at home or at one of the RGC computer labs. Each student must make a commitment to keep pace with the course schedule. Students should be familiar with the course syllabus. Exams will be given only on-line. Students should arrange their schedules to make sure they complete all assignments and exams as they are offered. Students must complete all assignments to receive credit for the course. A total of 4 points for **each** missed assignment will be deducted from the student's total grade.

**Excuses for missed exams will not be accepted. If a student misses an exam for “any reason”, that student will be required to take the makeup exam in the Del Rio RGC computer lab at a scheduled time.** It is highly recommended that students complete all exams in the RGC computer labs. All exams will be timed and if you are working from home and are inadvertently dropped from your connection, I will be required to re-open your exam. If that should happen, there will be a **deduction** of 3 points from your score. **All exams (there will be four) will have a 50 minute time limit. Students who exceed that time will have points deducted from their exam score. Deductions are as follows: 0-59 seconds -2 points; 1-2 minutes -4points; 2-3 minutes -6 points; and so on.**

**Students should check Blackboard each day for announcements of other information. Weekly instructions will be found under Course Information.**

**Calendar:**

Aug 25-Sept 2(3) – Orientation – Read syllabus and check discussion board to introduce yourself to fellow classmates. Read the Preface, Introduction and Chapter 1. Read the websites which are found in your menu under **External Links**. See announcements.

Sept 3-(9) – Read Chapters 2 & 3 – web sites

Sept 10-16(17) – Read Chapter 4 – web sites

Sept 17-23 – Read Chapter 5 – websites

Sept 24-30 – Review for Exam 1 – Exam 1 will be posted on Sept 1

**Sept 30 – Exam 1 - 50 minute timed effort between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. – 100 points**

**Discussion 1 will be posted on Sept 24 and will be available until 11 p.m. on Oct 1**

Oct 1- 7(8) – Read Chapter 6 – web sites

Oct 8-14(15) – Read Chapter 7 – web sites

Oct 15-21 – Read Chapters 8 & 9 – web sites

**Oct 21 – Exam 2 – 50 minute timed effort between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. – 100 points.**

Oct 22-28(29) – Review for Exam 2 – Exam 2 will be posted on Oct 28

**Discussion 2 will be posted on Oct 22 and will be available until 11 p.m. on Oct 29**

**Oct 28 - Exam 2 - 50 minute timed effort between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. – 100 points**

Oct 29-Nov 4(5) –Read Chapter 10 – web sites

Nov 5-11 – Read Chapter 11 – web sites

Nov 12-18(19) – Chapters 12 & 13 – web sites

Nov 19-25(26) – Read Chapters 14 & 15 – web sites

**Discussion 3 will be posted on Nov 19 and be available until 11 p.m. on Dec 3**

Nov 26-Dec 2 – Read Chapter 16 – web sites

Dec 3-9 – Study and Review for Exam 3 – Final will be posted on Dec 9

Please note: **Outlines will be posted for each chapter. These outlines can be used as study guides for exams. The outlines will be posted under Course Documents.**

**Dec 9 – Exam 3– 50 minute timed effort between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. – 100 points**

Grades – Exam 1 – 25%

Exam 2 – 25%

Exam 3 – 25%

Discussion 1 – 8%

Discussion 2 – 8%

Discussion 3 – 9%

Each week students will be required to read the assigned chapters and research web sites that are offered.

All major exams will be administered during the week and on the internet. Exams will be posted from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Exams will be multiple choice. Exams will be timed. Please review instructions. All students are encouraged to complete the exam in the RGC computer labs.

Each student is expected to participate in three discussion board sessions. For each discussion thread, students will have a short period to participate. The amount of time will be announced. I will post a question and students will comment on the discussion topic. Students should also comment on the responses of other students. There will be 3 discussion topics. Each of these topics will be posted separately. Grades will be based on participation: your comments and your responses to other student's thoughts and comments. **Do not miss the discussions.**

Plagiarism, cheating and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in any form. Academic dishonesty consists of representing the work of others as your own in writing assignments, discussion sessions, using notes or other aids during an examination. Anyone caught cheating on an exam or plagiarizing in an assignment will automatically receive an F for the course.

**Distance Education Statement: Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should submit online assignments through Blackboard or SRSU email, which require secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. *[If the course requires student to take proctored exams or to purchase additional software or equipment, please describe those requirements here.]* The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Student in web-based courses must maintain appropriate of equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.**