

H211-01 United States Survey to 1865
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Description:

This survey course provides an international approach to American history. It is divided into four units: Atlantic World; Age of Revolutions; Early Industrial Capitalism; Nation-Building. It has three objectives: enable students to understand the multiple spatial and temporal contexts of U.S. history; help them appreciate the historicity of nation-building; prepare students to understand the contemporary world.

Requirements:

- 1: You are expected to attend lecture. I will provide an overview of some of the key questions, issues and debates concerning U.S. history in international perspective. Bring the readings to lecture.
- 2: You are expected to attend and participate in section-discussion. The Teaching Assistants will lead discussion based upon the readings for that week. It is advisable that you do the reading earlier rather than later. Your attendance/participation is worth 20%.
- 3: You will write a take-home mid-term exam. It will consist of one document analysis and one essay style question of 3 typewritten pages each. The mid-term draws upon the materials covered in lecture, section, and reading up until fall break. It equals 40%.
- 4: You will write a take-home final exam. It will consist of one document and one essay style question of three pages each. The exam draws upon the materials covered in lecture, section, and reading up until the semester's end. This is 40% of your grade. You must fulfill all requirements in order to pass the class.

Readings:

The following texts are required and may be purchased at the University book store.

📖 *Out of Many: A History of the American People*, vol. 1, Fourth ed. by John Mack Faragher, Mari Jo Buhle, Daniel Czitrom, and Susan H. Armitage (2003).

📖 Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker, *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic* (2000)

📖 *The Civil War and Reconstruction: A Documentary Collection*, edited by William E. Gienapp (2001)

The assigned documents can be found on the CD-ROM at the back of *Out of Many*.

Lecture & Section:

Aug. 15:	Introduction
Aug. 17:	Internationalizing American History
Aug. 19:	<i>Many-Headed Hydra</i> , Introduction

1: ATLANTIC WORLD

- Aug. 22: **Before Columbus**
 Aug. 24: **European Transformations**
 Aug. 26: *Out of Many*, 1-33, 82; documents 1-1.
- Aug. 29: **Conquistadors**
 Aug. 31: **New France, New Holland**
 Sep. 2: *Out of Many*, 34-58; documents 1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 1-4.
- Sep. 7: **Anglo-Atlantic Chesapeake**
 Sep. 9: *Out of Many*, 58-77; documents 1-10, 2-13, 3-2
Many-Headed Hydra, chap. 4.
- Sep. 12: **Atlantic Slave Trade**
 Sep. 14: **North American Slavery**
 Sep. 16: *Out of Many*, 78-111; documents 2-12, 3-12, 3-13
Many-Headed Hydra, chap. 2.

2: AGE OF REVOLUTIONS

- Sep. 19: **Comparing Revolutions**
 Sep. 21: **Revolting Americans**
 Sep. 23: *Out of Many*, chap. 6; documents 4-1 to 4-9
Many-Headed Hydra, chaps. 6, 7.
- Sep. 26: **American Independence**
 Sep. 28: **Slaves' War for Independence**
 Sep. 30: *Out of Many*, 176-190; documents 5-5 to 5-9
 Google: Lord Dunmore's Proclamation

Oct. 3 *Midterm Examination Distributed*

- Oct. 3: **Haitians Revolt**
 Oct. 5: **Mexican Wars of Independence**
 Oct. 7: documents 8-2, 8-4, 9-6

Oct. 7 *Midterm Due*

- Oct. 12: **American Republica**
 Oct. 14: *Out of Many*, 190-225; 1787-1788 U.S. Constitution
 Google: 1791 French Constitution

3: EARLY INDUSTRIAL CAPITALISM

Oct. 17: **King Cotton**
 Oct. 19: **Anglo-American Abolition**
 Oct. 21: *Out of Many*, 310-320; 389-393; documents 14.1, 14.3, 14-5

Oct. 24: **Capitalism in the U.S.**
 Oct. 26: **Wage Labor in the U.S.**
 Oct. 28: *Out of Many*, chap. 12; *Civil War*, 3-26

4: NATION-BUILDING

Oct. 31: **Mexico's Republic**
 Nov. 2: **America's War on Mexico**
 Nov. 4: *Out of Many*, 405-419; documents 12-1, 12-4, 12-5.

Nov. 7: **Republican Lincoln, Radical Brown**
 Nov. 9: **War for Southern Independence**
 Nov. 11: *Out of Many*, chap. 15; *Civil War*, 27-56

Nov. 14: **Men at War**
 Nov. 16: **Who Freed the Slaves?**
 Nov. 18: *Out of Many*, chap. 16; *Civil War*, 219-248

Nov. 28 *Final Examination Distributed*

Nov. 28: **Why Southern Independence Failed?**
 Nov. 30: **Northern Hegemony**
 Dec. 2: *Civil War*, 179-218, 261-292

Dec. 5: **U.S. History Internationally**

Dec. 5 *Final Due*

