

**HIS 337: Emerging Nation, 1789-1848**  
**Spring 2021 Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30pm-1:45pm**  
**Online**

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**Bulletin Description:**

Selected topics in United States history during the early national era, such as the Market Revolution, the growth of slavery, foreign relations, Indian Removal, democratizing politics, and territorial expansion.

**Course Description:**

This course explores the period between the writing of the Constitution and the Civil War. In this course, students will study the early years of the United States under the Constitution. They will investigate how Americans' actions in the social and political realms along with their views about slavery, party and sectional politics, expansion, and the economy helped lead to the outbreak of the Civil War. Students will grapple with the role of slavery in the national and local economies and examine national conversations about the expansion, abolition, and the regulation of the slave trade.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Use a historical approach to analyze and contextualize primary and secondary sources representing divergent perspectives.
- Use evidence to interpret the past coherently, orally and/or in writing.
- Find, interpret, and evaluate information on diverse cultures.
- Use diverse cultural frames of reference and alternative perspectives to analyze issues.

**Academic Integrity Policy:** Each student is required to sign the Academic Integrity Policy on all major work submitted for the course. Refer to the following URL:  
<https://osrr.uncg.edu/academic-integrity/>.

**Accommodations:** UNCG seeks to comply fully with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students requesting accommodations based on a disability must be registered with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) in 215 Elliott University Center, (336) 334-5440, [ods.uncg.edu](http://ods.uncg.edu).

**Required Texts:**

Elizabeth R. Varon, *Disunion: The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008)  
Solomon Northup, *Twelve Years a Slave* (1853)  
<https://www.docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/northup/northup.html>

**Grade Breakdown:**

Participation	35%
Short Writings	35%
Readings Questions	30%

Grade Scale: 100-93 A, 92-90 A-, 89-87 B+, 86-83 B, 82-80 B-, 79-77 C+, 76-73 C, 72-70 C-, 69-67 D+, 66-63 D, 62-60 D-, 59-Below F