# HIST 281 (WI) U.S. HISTORY; 1st CONTACT TO RECONSTRUCTION

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## WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

*Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai‘i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide O‘ahu’s Ko‘olau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.*

## CATALOG DESCRIPTION

An introduction to American history covering significant events in U.S. history from the colonial to Civil War period. (3 hours lecture)  
WCC: FG Taking HIST 281 at WCC transfers for credit for HIST 281 to all UH system campuses.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning outcomes for the course are:

1. Describe, analyze & interpret the major themes in American history from the pre-Columbian period, through the colonial era, the American Revolution, early 19th century & the Civil War period.
2. Identify important individuals and events in American history through the Civil War.
3. Critically analyze primary sources.
4. Make connections between contemporary events and American history.
5. Compare and contrast historical experiences across cultures and time.
6. Relate historical events to contemporary issues and events.

## WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE HALLMARKS

The student learning outcomes for the course are:

1. Writing promotes learning of course content.
2. Writing is considered to be a process in which multiple drafts are encouraged.
3. Writing contributes to each student’s course grade.
4. Students do a substantial amount of writing, a minimum of 4,000 words. Depending
on the types of writing appropriate to the discipline, students may write critical essays or reviews, journal entries, lab reports, research reports or reaction papers.

5. To allow for meaningful teacher-student interaction on each student’s writing, the class is restricted to 20 students.

COURSE TASKS

TASK 1. Take two exams. **There is no comprehensive final in this course.** Exams will consist of short answer/IDs and/or essay questions. Both exams are worth 75 points each.

TASK 2. Complete a Research Paper. Students will select a topic from a list, and write a 7 page paper. Formatting instructions will be provided. Drafts of this paper will be reviewed by fellow students, and the instructor. Students must see the instructor during office hours at least one time regarding the paper. (Students who do not live on Oahu may “meet” by video or audio conference.) This paper is worth 100 points. Additionally, there are three intermediate steps that are also graded: submission of research proposal, peer review of first draft, and instructor review of second draft. Each of these are worth 10 points each, for 30 points total. Additionally, students must have a conference with the instructor in person during office hours at least one time regarding the paper. (Students who are not on the WCC campus can have this conference via phone during the instructor’s office hours.) Coordinate with the instructor via email to schedule.

TASK 3. Complete 15 Weekly Discussion “Forums”. Every week, there will be a discussion “Forum” with three “Focus Questions” on Laulima, based upon your readings for the week from *Give Me Liberty!*. Each “Focus Question” is worth 2 points, and thus 6 points for each week’s “Forum”. (90 points total.)

TASK 4. Submit 15 Weekly Journals. Each Monday, you will submit a journal for the previous week. Your journal entries should reflect your thoughts on at least two of the primary sources from the week, from the *Voices of Freedom* book. Each weekly journal must be a minimum of one full page, and is worth 5 pts. (75 points total.)

TASK 5. Complete a Primary Document Analysis (PDA). This is a two-page writing assignment which analyzes a primary document that pertains to American history during the period covered in this course. The primary document is chosen by the student, with the approval of the instructor. It is worth 50 points.

GRADING

I. Two exams count for ~30% of the final grade.
   75 points maximum for Exam I & II
   Total pts. = 150 pts.

II. The Research Paper (plus intermediate steps) counts for ~26% of the final grade. 130 pts.

III. Weekly Forums count for ~18% of the final grade.
    15 assignments = 90 pts.
IV. Weekly Journal entries count for ~15% of the final grade.  
   5 points maximum for each of 15 weeks = 75 pts.

V. The Primary Document Analysis (PDA) counts for ~10% of the final grade.  50 pts.

VI. Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

   A - achieve a total of 445 - 495 pts.  
   B - achieve a total of 396 - 444 pts.  
   C - achieve a total of 346 - 395 pts.  
   D - achieve a total of 297 - 345 pts.  
   F - achieve a total of less than 296 pts.

   If you choose to drop this course, please take the responsibility to formally drop 
   the course. **The last day you can officially withdraw is 2 Apr 2018.**

VII. Makeup work plan, extra credit, etc., will be discussed in weekly announcements.  
   The bottom line is all missed work must be made up.

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**LEARNING RESOURCES**

**Books** – Can be purchased in the WCC Bookstore, and may also be found from online booksellers:


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**ONLINE ENVIRONMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

1. **ONLINE CLASSES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AWAY FROM THE CAMPUS, AND SOME DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY.** There are, however, LIMITATIONS to the flexibility! “Back in the day”, before the internet, the “Correspondence Course” was an alternative to the traditional “face-to-face” class. You mailed away for the course, got the books and the instructions in the mail, mailed homework to your instructor, got your exams proctored at nearby testing center, etc. Typically, you had about 6 months to complete the course, and how you did it was up to you! You could manage your time and do your homework on a weekly basis, or do a lot up front and finish early, or wait until the last minute and either finish or ask for an extension. This is NOT THE CASE with online instruction! In this class, there are requirements that MUST be accomplished on a WEEKLY basis. There is some flexibility as to what part of the week you will do your work, and there are NO REQUIREMENTS in this particular class to attend online meetings at a particular time, but the work MUST be done on a weekly basis.
2. LAULIMA is the tool that is used to manage every aspect of this class. Many of you may already be familiar with LAULIMA from traditional classes, and it is a great tool for online. The cornerstone for this class is the “Weekly Announcement” that I will publish sometime between Sunday and Tuesday each week. It serves three purposes: First, it is a recap of the previous week. Second, it is an introduction to the coming week. Third, it is an opportunity for me to provide administrative info, details about upcoming assignments, etc. This syllabus contains much information about this course, but for certain assignments, I will provide more essential information in the Weekly Announcement, or in a separate document posted on LAULIMA, under RESOURCES, and ASSIGNMENTS INFO.

3. Our primary means of communication will be via email. It is essential that you check your email on a regular basis, and you MUST use your @hawaii.edu email account. It is too confusing for me to try and keep up with alternative email accounts, and that would set us up for communication problems. “I don’t check my UH email” is not acceptable; “yes you do!” If you want to forward your UH email to another account, that is your business, but my recommendation is to simply use your UH account. If you send me an email from another account, I may respond, but if I start an email to you from scratch, I will use the UH email in the mail tool.

4. Every week, there will be a “Forum” with three “Focus Questions” for discussion. These will be available prior to Monday of each week, and are due by 11:59 PM on Thursday night. The work MUST be done by Thursday night. There will also be information on the Forum each week regarding key terms for that week, as well as possible videos that may help your learning. Look on LAULIMA under RESOURCES and ASSIGNMENTS INFO for more details.

5. Finally, be aware that CHEATING and PLAGIARISM are considered ACADEMIC FRAUD under the Student Code of Conduct. Ignorance of what constitutes plagiarism is no excuse. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a failing grade for this course.

Additional Information

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1
8 - 14 Jan. - **A New World**
Read: Chapter 1 of both books.

Week 2
15 – 21 Jan. - **Beginnings of English America, 1607 - 1660**
Read: Chapter 2 of both books.

Week 3
22 – 28 Jan. - **Creating Anglo-America, 1660 - 1750**
Read: Chapter 3 of both books.

Week 4
29 Jan – 4 Feb. - **Slavery, Freedom, and the Struggle for Empire, to 1763**
Read: Chapter 4 of both books.

1 Feb. - **Last day to withdraw without a “W”**.

Week 5
5 – 11 Feb. - **The American Revolution, 1763 - 1783**
Read: Chapter 5 of both books.
**PRIMARY DOCUMENT ANALYSIS (PDA) DUE 8 FEB.**
**EXAM 1 AVAILABLE ONLINE 9 FEB.**

Week 6
12 – 18 Feb. - **The Revolution Within**
Read: Chapter 6 of both books.
**EXAM 1 DUE 17 FEB.**

Week 7
19 – 25 Feb. - **Founding a Nation, 1783 - 1791**
Read: Chapter 7 of both books.
**RESEARCH PAPER PROPOSALS DUE 24 FEB.**
Week 8
26 Feb – 4 Mar. - Securing the Republic, 1791 - 1815
Read: Chapter 8 of both books.

Week 9
5 – 11 Mar. - The Market Revolution, 1800 - 1840
Read: Chapter 9 of both books.

Week 10
12 – 18 Mar. - Democracy in America, 1815 - 1840
Read: Chapter 10 of both books.
STUDENTS EXCHANGE FIRST DRAFTS BY 17 MAR

Week 11
19 Mar – 25 Mar. - The Peculiar Institution
Read: Chapter 11 of both books.
STUDENTS COMMENT ON PARTNER’S FIRST DRAFT BY 24 MAR

26 Mar – 1 Apr. - Spring Break

2 Apr. - Last day to withdraw.

Week 12
2 – 8 Apr. - An Age of Reform, 1820 -1840
Read: Chapter 12 of both books.

Week 13
9 – 15 Apr. - A House Divided, 1840 - 1861
Read: Chapter 13 of both books.

Week 14
16 – 22 Apr. - A New Birth of Freedom: The Civil War, 1861 - 1865
Read: Chapter 14 of both books.

Week 15
Read: Chapter 15 of both books.
2 May. - RESEARCH PAPER DUE

3 May. - EXAM 2 AVAILABLE ONLINE

8 May. - EXAM 2 DUE