

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY--PEARL HARBOR
 COURSE OUTLINE FOR HISTORY 20160,
 UNITED STATES HISTORY I, SPRING 1999

Class meetings: Fridays, 4:45-8:55
Instructor: Bill Boryk
Office hours: before/after class, as practical
Office: classroom or room to be determined

Text: Gary B. Nash, et al, *The American People, Vol. I to 1877, Brief Second Edition*

Other materials, such as handouts and videos, as available, will supplement the textbook.

Overview: The first semester of United States History will examine the time from the initial appearance of Europeans "in number" on the American continent to the aftermath of the young country's bloody Civil War. The interaction of European settlers, indigenous Native Americans, and African slaves and freemen during this era will be a recurring theme. Most attention in this survey course will be given to five "periods" of (1) **Colonial Life** (from Jamestown [1607] to the end of the French and Indian War [1763]); (2) **Revolutionary Activity** (from the 1760s to the American victory at Yorktown in 1781); (3) **Nation-building** (from the 1780s to the 1820s); (4) **Expansion and Sectional Tensions** (1820s to the 1850s), and (5) **Conflict and Reconstruction** (from 1861 to 1877). An effort will be made to account not only for the great political changes in American history, but also for the status and quality of the lives of the various peoples from whose efforts--voluntary or forced--the nation arose.

By the end of the course, students may be better positioned to decide for themselves to what extent, and for which groups, the American experience over its first three-and-one-half centuries was one of invasion and oppression or of opportunity and enlightened political experimentation.

Grading:	Quizzes	2 X 15 pts.	30 pts.
	Midterm	30 pts.	30 pts.
	Participation	10 pts.	10 pts.
	Final	30 pts.	<u>30 pts.</u>
	TOTAL:		100 pts.

Grades will be determined by the percentage of points students receive from two objective quizzes, two objective and essay exams, and participation, in the following manner: 100-90=A; 89-80=B; 79-70=C; 69-60=D; 59-0=F. Makeup quizzes/exams will be given only for legitimate reasons (medical excuse with note, etc.). The instructor reserves the right to "curve" the grades in the interest of fairness.