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Chaminade University of Honolulu

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U.S. History 201²⁰: America through the Civil War

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July 9 to September 10, 1999
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5:30/9:40 p.m. Fridays

Objectives: History is simply a record of human events. This course aims at acquainting the student with the political, social, economic, international and technological events and trends that shaped the conditions of life in the United States from the discovery of the New World to the end of the Civil War. It will provide the student with a broad knowledge of the people, developments, and issues salient to the period, and a general understanding of the relationships among these events and trends, and how the past continues to influence our lives.

Requirements: There will be a mid-term examination and a final examination, both essay, aimed at measuring the student's grasp of significant people and events, and the student's understanding of historical relationships. A critical book review of one scholarly book of the student's choice, relevant to some aspect of the history of this period, and approved by the instructor, is also required, and is due not later than 3 September.

Attendance: University policy requires that two consecutive unexcused absences must be reported AUP office. Since class participation is an element of your final grade, and since class discussions will expand upon and amplify your text assignments, it is important that your attendance be regular and prompt. Read your assignments in preparation for class and be prepared to discuss the subjects covered.

Grading: Performance evaluation will be based on:

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| Class Participation | 10% |
| Mid-Term Examination | 35% |
| Book Review | 20% |
| Final Examination | 35% |

General Readings:

Reading assignments are from Gary Nash, Julie Roy Jeffrey, et al. *The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society*, Volume I: To 1877, New York: HarperCollins, 1996. Additional reading handouts may be provided from time to time.

Class Schedule:

- 9 July Introduction, administrative requirements.
The New World – *Three Worlds Meet* Text: Chapter 1
- 16 July **Competing for Colonies – - *Colonizing a Continent, Mastering the New World* Text: Chapters 2 & 3**
- 23 July **Colonials Become Americans – *The Maturing of Colonial Society, Bursting the Colonial Bonds* Text: Chapters 4 & 5**
- 30 July **American Revolution – *A People in Revolution, Consolidating the Revolution* Text: Chapters 6 & 7**
- 6 August Mid-Term Exam: **Federalism – *Creating a Nation* Text: Chapter 8**
- 13 August **Frontier & Factory – *Society and Politics in the Early Republic, Currents of Change in the Northeast and the Old Northwest* Text: Chapters 9 & 10**
- 20 August **Slavery and Society – *Slavery and the Old South, Shaping America in the Antebellum Age* Text: Chapters 11 & 12**
- 27 August **A House Dividing – *Moving West, The Union in Peril* Text: Chapters 13 & 14**
- 3 September **Civil War - *The Union Severed, The Union Reconstructed* Text: Chapters 15 & 16**
- 10 September **FINAL EXAMINATION**