

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY WINTER SEMESTER, 1999

AMERICA: BEGINNING THROUGH THE CIVIL WAR PEARL HARBOR, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

ORGANIZATION: This course consists of 40 classes as outlined below. Classes begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. The format of the course is lecture, but there will be some class discussions.

GRADES: Your final grade in this course is derived from your performances on the examinations and on your paper. There will be four examinations. The first will cover the time period through the end of the War for Independence. The second will cover the period from 1783 through 1820. The third will cover the period from 1820 to 1850. The final will cover the period from 1850 to 1877. Each exam and the paper will count for 20%. However, should your final exam show substantial improvement over your previous efforts, it will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of essay questions which will require you to write a series of paragraphs consisting of complete sentences. Please bring paper, preferably 8 1/2 x 11", to the exams. If you would like to have your final examination returned, please bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Your grade for the course will be included on your final examination paper.

PAPER: Write a review of one of the three (3) parts of the text and compare it to the manner in which the same period is covered during the class.

TEXT: The American People, Volume I, Brief Edition, Nash, et al.

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be followed. In addition, it is virtually impossible to be successful in this course without attending the classes. Please note that no one will pass the course unless the examinations and the paper are completed.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions at any time during the classes. The use of sound recorders is strongly discouraged as they will inhibit your academic development.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: A survey of American development from 1607 to 1865. Political, economic and social foundations of institutions and cultures which still exercise an influence in the modern nation are stressed.

Jan 11, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27:

Course introduction; European background; Founding the English colonies; Salutary Neglect; The Revolution and War for Independence

Jan 29: Exam

Feb 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17:

The Confederation; The U. S. Constitution; the period from 1790 to 1820

Feb 19: Exam

Feb 22, 23, 24, 26, Mar 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10:

The Missouri Compromise, Sectional issues; The Jacksonian Era; Reforms; Slavery; The 1840's; The Compromise of 1850

Mar 12: Exam

Mar 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23:

The 1850's; The Civil War; Reconstruction

Mar 24: Final