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HISTORY 30201: American Civil War Era  
CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU  
FALL SEMESTER 1999

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Course Content: According to the Chaminade University General Catalog description, History 302 covers American History from 1815 to 1877. It is a course that examines the Age of Jackson, the growth of sectionalism, the Civil War, and the Reconstruction Era.  
Pre-requisites: Any 100 or 200 level history course.

Texts: David M. Potter, The Impending Crisis: 1848-1861  
James M. McPherson, Ordeal by Fire, Vol. II: The Civil War

Class Format: A mix of lectures, discussions, examinations with the aid of visual resources whenever possible. Students are encouraged to attend classes regularly and to read all assigned texts. Attendance is extremely important in the beginning of the semester because the two texts cover the period from 1848 to 1865. Since the course description states the course is to cover the period 1815 to 1877, there are periods when your only source of information will be from lectures. The Reconstruction Era covered in the last weeks of the class is also not discussed in the assigned texts so it is imperative you attend lectures during that period.

Grading: Students in History 302 will be graded on a point system.  
Points will be awarded as follows:

Three Examinations	100 Points Each ( A Total of 300 Points)
One Take-Home Paper	100 Points

A TOTAL OF 400 POINTS ARE POSSIBLE.

Point scale: A = 400-360 Points  
B = 359-320 Points  
C = 319-280 Points  
D = 279-240 Points  
F = 239-000 Points

Description of Assignments:

There will be three examinations in this class. Each examination will be divided into two parts. Part One is a Short Identification exercise and Part Two will be an Essay Question. Each section will be worth 50 points. In Part One there will be a list of terms (names of people, concepts, places, and things) from which you are to pick FIVE (5) and write a short identification for each selection. You would include such information as who or what, where, roughly when, historical description, and historical significance for each term selected. Each correct answer will be worth 10 points. In Part Two you will find several essay questions. You will be asked to pick ONE (1) of the questions and write a detailed essay for a total of 50 points. Each exam will cover 1/3rd of the course. The Final Exam will not be cumulative.

There will be a take home assignment worth 100 Points. You will be asked to work on this assignment over the course of the semester and turn it in at the end of the semester.

HISTORY 302 SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Sept. 3	Introduction	
Sept. 10	America in 1815	
Sept. 17	Topics to be covered in the First Exam:	
Sept. 24	Era of Good Feelings, Nationalism vs Sectionalism Western Expansion, Jacksonian Democracy Events till 1848	
Oct. 1	First Examination	
Oct. 8	America from 1848-1861	Read <u>The Impending Crisis</u>
Oct. 15	Topics to be covered in the Second Exam	
Oct. 22	Sectionalism, Slavery, Abolition Movement, Western Expansion and the balance of power in Congress, movement towards Secession and the outbreak of war.	
Oct. 29	Second Examination	
Nov. 5	America from 1862-1877	Read <u>Ordeal By Fire</u>
Nov. 12	Topics to be covered in the Third Examination:	
Nov. 19	The Civil War (1861-1865), The Reconstruction of the South (1865-1877)	
Nov. 26	HOLIDAY: THANKSGIVING	
Dec. 3	Take-home assignment due	
Dec. 10	Third Examination	