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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY

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HISTORY 302 60

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ERA

ORGANIZATION: The course consists of 10 classes on Thursday evenings from April 8 through June 10. Classes begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 9:40 p.m. The format of the course is lecture, but there will be film presentations and class discussions.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

The Impending Crisis 1848-1861, David M. Potter

Ordeal By Fire: Vol. II -- The Civil War, James M. McPherson

GRADES: Your final grade in this course will be derived from your performance on the mid-term and final examinations and on your research paper (see below). The mid-term and your research paper will each count for 30% and the final will count for 40%. However, should your final exam show substantial improvement over your mid-term performance, it will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of essay questions that 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 exam returned, please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope. Your grade for the course will be written on your final examination paper. No one will pass the course unless both examinations and the paper are completed.

ATTENDANCE: The policy of the University is that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. The instructor will adhere to that policy. In addition, it is virtually impossible to be successful in this course without attending the classes.

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

GENERAL OVERVIEW: This course is a study of the issues of sectionalism and slavery which brought about the Civil War and Reconstruction of the Union from 1815 to 1877.

- April 8: Course Introduction, The Missouri Compromise
- April 15: The Jacksonian Era
- April 22: Slavery
- April 29: Texas, California
- May 6: Mid-term, Popular Sovereignty
- May 13: Dred Scott - The Outbreak of War
- May 20: The War Years
- May 27: Reconstruction
- June 3: Reconstruction
- June 10: Final

RESEARCH PAPER: The research paper is intended to allow you to pursue an area of particular interest and express your interpretation. You may select any topic within the scope of this course. An "Excellent" paper will examine two or more differing interpretations of the same topic. The paper should be about 3-5 pages long and must be submitted on or before June 3, 1999.