

AMERICAN HISTORY 1302 MIDWINTER WB SYLLABUS  
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**Course Objectives:** To provide a balanced and thought-provoking treatment of the American past; to examine the lives and experiences of Americans of all national origins and cultural backgrounds; and seeks connections between the many factors – political, economic, technological, social, religious, intellectual and biological – that have molded and remolded American society over four centuries.

**Textbook:** Alan Brinkley, **The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People, Sixth Edition.**

**Drop Policy:** You are responsible for dropping this class, if you quit doing the work. The Instructor **will not** do so. Failure to drop results in an F.

**Assignments:** We will cover Chapter 18 through Chapter 31. Chapter exams will be posted every two days (this includes holidays) beginning **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 and conclude with the final exam on Monday, January 9, 2012.** The exam will be available beginning at **8:00 p. m.** and will remain available until **8:00 p.m. the following day** and then will no longer be available. Do not miss the deadline! **I will not open the test after the deadline**, so if you have problems taking the test get in touch with me before the deadline. Make a copy of the syllabus. I have given you phone numbers where you can reach me. If you do not get in touch with me at my home number, try the alternate number. Call me on my cell as a last resort. It is important that you reach me before the test deadline. I am not always on the internet so don't rely on emails to notify me if you are having trouble with the test. Each exam will cover one chapter. You will have an hour to complete each exam. Use correct grammar when completing your test. **I will take off points if you don't use capitals where appropriate, correct punctuation, spelling, etc.** You have one hour to take the test. Once you start the test, you have to complete it. If you go over the time limit you are subject to points being taken off your grade, so be sure and watch the time. The exams will consist of multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, identification, and essay questions. The final will not be comprehensive. It will be like all the other chapter exams and consist only of the last chapter. All exams weigh equally. **Do not use your cell phones to take the exam.** For some reason there is a glitch which causes you to get kicked off the exam. There are **no** opportunities to do extra work so make sure you do well on your exams!

**WEB Exam Schedule**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Chapter(s)</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
1	18	12.13.11	12.14.11
2	19	12.15.11	12.16.11

3	20	12.17.11	12.18.11
4	21	12.19.11	12.20.11
5	22	12.21.11	12.22.11
6	23	12.23.11	12.24.11
7	24	12.25.11	12.26.11
8	25	12.27.11	12.28.11
9	26	12.29.11	12.30.11
10	27	12.31.11	01.01.12
11	28	01.02.11	01.03.12
12	29	01.04.11	01.05.12
13	30	01.06.11	01.07.12
14	31	01.08.11	01.09.12

**Examinations:** You will have an hour to take each exam. In the **rare** instances, students encounter technical problems while taking on line exams (the most common problem being getting kicked out of the exam), the policy for this is as follows: contact me through one of the contact points provided in this syllabus and we will attempt to fix the problem. If getting “kicked off” the exam becomes a pattern, I will ask that you come to the OC to take your exams and you will not be allowed to use your book or any other notes. **Do not use the timer on Blackboard to keep up with the time limit. Keep up with the time allowed for you to take the exam without using the timer on Blackboard. Apparently using the timer can get you kicked off the exam. If you choose to use the timer and get kicked off, I will insist that you come to my office to take the exam.** Also, do not use your cell phone to take the test. I have given you my phone numbers because I am not always on the internet. If you do not hear from me within 30 minutes, call one of my numbers. It is your responsibility to contact me before the test deadline. I reserve the right to determine if you have a valid reason for missing an exam!!! Please remember that I do not have office hours during the winter semester so do not call me at my office number. **I have provided my home phone number and an alternate number (do not call this number after 5:00 or on the weekend) so that you can contact me at all times. Call me on my cell phone as a last resort.** You can call me anytime as long as it is after 9:00 a.m. and before 9:00 p.m. I am not always on the internet, so it is important that you remember to contact me on my home phone or my cell number if I do not respond right away to your email. I try my best to respond as soon as possible but please make allowances for those times that I am out of pocket (i.e. out of town, etc.) It is **your responsibility** to contact me before the **deadline**.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Act:** Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the 1973 Vocational Rehabilitation Act and with the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act. Issues with special needs will be referred to the Office of Disability Services.

**Additional reminder**...if you do need to contact me regarding a problem or concern, please remember that this is a college course. It is up to you, the student, to get in touch with me. This is not the responsibility of your parents, guardian, older sibling etc. It is your responsibility as a student and I will not discuss anything regarding your involvement in this course with anyone else.

**Make-up Exams:** If you are unable to take an exam during the assigned time period, you need to contact me as soon as possible (before the deadline to take the exam). Failure to do so will result in a loss of a letter grade on the exam. Otherwise there are no make-ups. You will only be allowed to make-up one exam. Make-up exams will more than likely be complete essay exams. Once again, I reserve the right to decide if your reason for missing an exam is valid. If I decide your reason is invalid, you will not have a chance to make up the exam.

**Grading Policy:** All exams weigh equally and will count for 1/14<sup>th</sup> of your semester average. Final grades will be based on the following averages: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, below 60=F.

**Cheating will result in an automatic F for the course.**