

Administrative Master Syllabus

Course Information

Course Title	Texas History
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	HIST 2301: Texas History
Division	Social and Behavioral Sciences
Department	History and Geography
Course Type	Academic General Education Course (from ACGM, but not WCJC Core)
Course Catalog Description	A survey of the political, social, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of Texas from the pre-Columbian era to the present. Themes that may be addressed in Texas History include: Spanish colonization and Spanish Texas; Mexican Texas; the Republic of Texas; statehood and secession; oil, industrialization, and urbanization; civil rights; and modern Texas.
Pre-Requisites	TSI ELAR (Reading and Writing) requirements met
Co-Requisites	None

Semester Credit Hours

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:	3:3:0
Lab/Other Hours	
Equated Pay Hours	3
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours	0
Other Hours Breakdown	0

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Department Head:		
Division Chair:		
VPI:		



Topical Outline: Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

The instructor will organize the course in such a way that the main periods of the Texas History will be surveyed in a balanced manner. It is within the prerogative of the instructor to assign exact amounts of time (days and weeks) to each of the main periods/topics which are outlined as follows:

- The Native American of Texas
- Spanish Exploration in Texas including the French-Spanish Rivalry
- The Spanish Missions
- The Struggle of New Spain and Texas Colonization
- Filibustering in Spanish Texas
- The Austins and the Empresario System
- Mexico's Changing Policy towards Texas
- Early Conflict in Texas
- Texas Revolution (1835-1836)
- Texas Election of 1836 and Annexation
- Sam Houston's First Administration
- Mirabeau B. Lamar's Administration
- Anson Jones Administration
- Immigration to Texas Post-1836
- Mexican War (1846-1848)
- Compromise of 1860 and the "Panhandle" Line
- Native American Problems in the 1850s
- Slavery and the Plantation System
- The Secession Debate in Texas
- Texas in the Civil War
- Defeat and Removal of the Texas Indian Nations
- Open-Range Cattle Industry in Texas
- Reform Politics in Texas (Gilded Age)
- Spindletop (1901) and Modern Age
- Texas and Immigration, 1990-1920
- Texas and Issues of Racism, 1900-Present
- Great Depression/New Deal in Texas (1930s)
- Texas Involvement in World Wars, Korea and Vietnam
- Governors of Texas
- Social Issues since World War II, 1945-Present

Course Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- 1) Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
- 2) Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
- 3) Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on Texas history.

Methods of Assessment:

- 1) Written projects as assigned by instructor. These assignments may include essays on exams, book reviews, reviews of primary documents or scholarly articles, research papers, journal projects, or other written assignments that emphasize analysis. Oral presentations at the discretion of the instructor.
- 2) Measured by Post-Test and written projects as assigned by instructor. These assignments may include book reviews, research papers, or journal projects that emphasize analysis of sources.
- 3) Measured by Post-Test, objective and/or essay exams, quizzes, critical thinking exercises, and/or projects which may include research papers, book reviews, essays, and/or oral presentations.

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Gone To Texas: A History of the Lone Star State (most current edition) by Randolph B. Campbell. Oxford University Press.

Individual titles selected by the instructor available in library collection. Primary documents may be distributed to students, made available online, or placed on reserve in the library.

Suggested Course Maximum:

35

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

None

Course Requirements/Grading System: Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course.

The grading scale used for all tests, papers, and projects will be as follows:

90% to 100% = A; 80% to 89% = B; 70% to 79% = C; 60% to 69% = D; Below 59% = F

Instructors may also use a point system to determine final scores as long as this point system is clearly outlined in the instructor's syllabus.

Writing Project(s) – 25-50% (may include research papers, exam essays, book/film reviews, and/or response papers)

Exams – 25-75% (may include quizzes, unit exams, exam essays, and/or oral presentation)

Participation – 0-50% (may include daily assignments, projects, attendance, and/or class participation)

Departmental Post-test – 10-50%

Instructors will use a combination of the above totaling 100% and enumerate the exact breakdown on the student syllabus.

A minimum of 30% of a student's overall grade must be based on student writing.

Instructors may use the narrative/lecture method of instruction to impart factual information and to suggest to students the different interpretations of Texas history. The narrative method is also useful for setting the stage for class discussions.

Class discussion between students and instructors is encouraged for the purpose of developing in students the ability to speak before others about historical events. Class discussions should arise from the readings that students complete and from points of interest and the interpretation of facts that emerge in class, especially those relevant to students.

Students will be required to complete written work or to prepare oral presentations to further elaborate or explain what has been presented and discussed by the instructor. These requirements are designed to challenge the student to analyze and critique the material presented. The written work may be in the form of essay test topics, book reviews, reports on articles in scholarly journals, or other written assignments as assigned by the instructor. Oral presentations may be designed as debates, informative overviews, or persuasive monologues.

Minimum requirements include the following:

- 1.) Attend class in accordance with college policy and as stipulated by the instructor.
- 2.) Complete appropriate reading assignments made by the instructor
- 3.) Complete appropriate writing assignments based on the readings, classroom presentations and discussion
- 4.) Complete oral presentations (if assigned by instructor)
- 5.) Complete appropriate tests (quizzes, major examinations, and a final examination)

Assessment will be conducted using a variety of methods. Objective questions such as multiple-choice, matching, true/false and fill-in-the blank may be used as well as subjective questions which may demand narrative identification, lengthy narrative responses, and also critical thinking. Students will be tested on materials presented in class and are expected to develop listening and note-taking skills. The weight, style, and nature of the specific assessment tool is left to the discretion of the individual instructor, but each instructor must place emphasis on the development of critical thinking skills.

The post-test will also serve as the standardized, comprehensive exit examination. It will consist of twenty-five (25) multiple-choice questions and should be given the same day as the final examination. It may be part of that examination or stand alone as the final examination. The weight of the Post-Test to the student's course grade and the percentage assigned it as part of the final examination will be at the discretion of the instructor. The recommended weight of the Post-Test as part of the course grade is within the 10 to 50% range and all students must complete the exam.

The results of the Post-Test will be analyzed and discussed by the department. This will enable department members to evaluate strengths and weaknesses in the curriculum or the text, provide data regarding different class formats, schedules, and campus locations, and identify areas of improvement for the instructor. This measurement system serves as a valuable diagnostic instrument for the improvement of curriculum materials and classroom management in regard to improving student learning and developing intellectual competencies.

Curriculum Checklist:

- Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
 - Critical Thinking
 - Communication
 - Empirical & Quantitative Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Social Responsibility
 - Personal Responsibility
- WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist