



# NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

AMH 2010, American History I, CRN 20835, 3 Credit Hours  
(Online, Spring 2025)

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**Course Name:** American History I (2010)

**Course Number:** 20835

**Section:** L03

**Location:** Online

**Class Meeting Times:** N/A

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**Instructor Office Location & Office Hours:** Online or phone by appointment

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## Course Curriculum

American History I 3 Credit Hours (Offered Fall, Spring, Summer) American History to 1877; describes the social, political, and economic development of the American people against the geographical background of the New World. Particular emphasis on American intellectual and political thought leading to the emergence of basic American character, ideas and attitudes.

## Goals

The goals of this class will be to gain a more better understanding of the birth of the United States until 1877 and also become a more better critical thinker. In this course students will examine United States history from before European contact to 1877. Topics will include but are not limited to Indigenous peoples, the European background, the Colonial Period, the American Revolution, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, issues within the new republic, sectionalism, manifest destiny, slavery, the American Civil War, and Reconstruction.

## Objectives

To accomplish the goals of this course your major work will center around two informative essays. This is a Gordon Rule writing course and is part of the college's Writing-Across-the-Curriculum program. A minimum grade of "C" is required if used to meet Gordon Rule requirements for general education.

## Student Expectations of the Course

- Students will describe the factual details of the substantive historical episodes under study.
- Students will identify and analyze foundational developments that shaped American history from before European contact to 1877 using critical thinking skills.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the primary ideas, values, and perceptions that have shaped United States history.

- Students will demonstrate competency in civic literacy.
- This course will use the textbook *The American Yawp*. The textbook is free online. Here is the link to the textbook, *The American Yawp* <https://www.americanyawp.com/>

### **How Student Performance Will be Measured**

Since this class is less than two months the focus will be on two historical informative essays. The essays must be in MLA format. There are links that provide information on MLA format in Canvas course page.

Each essay must be at least 1500 words, cite at least three primary sources, and only reference *The American Yawp* text.

Essay #1 50 points

Essay #2 50 points

Essay #3 50 points

Weekly Quizzes total 14) worth 15 points each, total 240 points

Total Points for Semester                      390 points