



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTOR COMMUNICATION

Your NWFSC email is the official communication medium of the College. Please check your College email regularly for any class and College notifications. The instructor will respond within 36 hours, Monday thru Friday

COURSE INFORMATION

- Course Subject and Number: AMH 2010
- Course Name and Number: 20784
- Class Location (Campus/Building/Room): Online
- Class Modality: Online
- Class Days: Monday thru Friday
- Class Times: Online
- Online Classroom with Gradebook: [Canvas class shell](#)
- Final Exam: April 29th, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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.

COURSE GOALS

AMH 2010 centers on developing a foundational understanding of U.S. history, from colonialism to 1877, by analyzing historical events, ideas, and developments. Key goals include improving critical thinking and writing skills, interpreting foundational documents like the Constitution, understanding major eras like the Revolution and Civil War, and analyzing the diverse perspectives and values that have shaped the nation

COURSE-LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: · 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.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite(s): a passing score on the standardized placement test measuring communications/verbal/reading achievement, successful completion of any required developmental English and Reading coursework with a grade of “C” or better, or exemption from placement testing.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

OpenStax United States History textbook. Free textbook link

[https://assets.openstax.org/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/US History - WEB.pdf](https://assets.openstax.org/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/US_History_-_WEB.pdf)

ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING SCHEME AND PROCEDURES

Assignment Category	Points	Due Date
7 Quizzes	15 points each	Due weekly every Sunday by 11:59pm
3 Discussions based on primary sources	25 points each	Discussion 1 due March 20 th Discussion 2 due April 10 th Discussion 3 due April 24 th
2 Major Essays	50 points each	Essay 1 due March 27 th Essay 2 due April 29 th
Total	280	

Grading Scheme

Grade	Range
A	90 – 100 %
B	80 – 89 %
C	70 – 79 %
D	60 – 69 %
F	59 and less %

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND RESOURCES

NWFSC aims for excellence in education and scholarly pursuits. Campus policies and procedures support this goal by protecting the health, safety, welfare, and property of the College and its students. To view all campus policies, please see the [college catalog](#). Several essential policies are provided below with the corresponding link to the full policy for your review.

NWFSC POLICY	DESCRIPTION
Academic Integrity	<p>Students are expected to behave responsibly as members of the College community and be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. This includes the use of generative AI tools. Using genAI in any form to substantially complete an assessment is prohibited, except where explicitly allowed by the instructor.</p> <p>Any time the instructor suspects there is a violation of Academic Integrity or there is a reported Academic Integrity Incident, the instructor is required to investigate it as outlined in the Academic Integrity section of the handbook (linked to the left). The instructor will provide information to the student about the procedure, the complaint, the findings, and any consequence imposed.</p> <p>Students are also expected to behave professionally and refrain from disrupting other students' learning environments.</p>
Accommodations	<p>The Accommodation Resource Center at Northwest Florida State College is committed to providing equal access and opportunities for educational success to all students with disabilities as guided by the American Disabilities Act and other disability-related laws.</p>
Attendance	<p>Regular attendance and participation in the course is expected. All students should adhere to the College calendar. For dual enrolled students, high school holidays may not be College holidays.</p>

<u>Tutoring Services</u>	Tutoring services are available in person and online.
<u>Counseling Services</u>	All actively enrolled students can receive an initial assessment and up to five therapeutic sessions with a Behavioral Health provider at no cost to the student.
<u>Student Code of Conduct</u>	Students are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations, and policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
<u>Student Complaints</u>	NWFSC desires to resolve student grievances, complaints, and concerns expeditiously, fairly, and in an amicable manner. A student who desires to resolve a grievance may initiate the resolution process using the information in the link provided to the left.
<u>Student Rights and Responsibilities</u>	All students should review the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of the Student Handbook to understand their role as a student.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY FOR ONLINE COURSES

This course is entirely online. Students must provide their device(s) to access and complete this class online. In addition to baseline word processing skills and sending/receiving emails with attachments, students will be expected to search the Internet and upload/download files. If you encounter technology challenges using course resources in the Learning Management System, email the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at online@nwfsc.edu or call 850-729-6464.

EMERGENCY COLLEGE CLOSURE

This course's schedule, requirements, and procedures are subject to change in the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances. If the College closes for inclement weather or another emergency, any exams, presentations, or assignments previously scheduled during the closure period will automatically be rescheduled for the first regular class meeting held once the college reopens. If changes to graded activities are required, students will not be penalized due to the adjustments but will be responsible for meeting revised deadlines and course requirements.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TOOLS

Northwest Florida State College subscribes to Turnitin, an online plagiarism detection and prevention service. By enrolling in this class, students consent to upload their papers to Turnitin, where they will be checked for plagiarism. Papers submitted to Turnitin may be saved as source documents within these databases to detect plagiarism in other papers. Please note: All assignments submitted in this course are analyzed for plagiarism and originality.

ACADEMIC CONTINUITY PLAN

NWFSC is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of its students, staff, and faculty. The College is dedicated to working with faculty and students to ensure timely course and program completion during emergencies. In the event of a College closure, the format of this course may be modified to enable completion of the course through other means, including but not limited to online course delivery through online classrooms. Check your RaiderNet College email and LMS classroom online for any updates.

WELCOME TO CLASS

The goal of this class is to become more knowledgeable of the history of the United States from colonialism thru Reconstruction. To achieve we will be reading, discussing, and writing about the history of the United States. By doing this, you will become not only more knowledgeable about history, but you will become a better critical thinker and writer through analyzing primary and secondary sources.

Thank you for choosing NWFSC for your education—and welcome to class!