

Texas A&M-San Antonio
History 3334
Civil War and Reconstruction
Fall 2023
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am-12:15 pm
Madla 238

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Course Catalog Description:

Secession, formation of the Confederacy, military campaigns and Reconstruction. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of History and/or Political Science.

Student Learner Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete the course will be able to:

- 1) Interpret the major events and movements that led to and influenced the Civil War and Reconstruction
- 2) Compare and contrast the different experiences of people based upon race, ethnicity, gender, geography, and other categories of analysis
- 3) Analyze this history in its broader social, political, cultural, and religious contexts
- 4) Evaluate research problems and interpretive issues in the field of Civil War and Reconstruction history

Assessment of Student Learner Outcomes

The student learner outcomes 1, 2, and 3 will be assessed through exams, while outcome 4 will be assessed through performance on the essays. Outcomes 2, 3, and 4 will be assessed based upon students' performance in class and online discussion.

Required Reading:

Celia, A Slave, Melton McLaurin

Ordeal By Fire (4th edition), James McPherson and James Hogue

All for the Union, Elisha Hunt Rhodes

Confederates in the Attic, Tony Horwitz

GRADING

<u>Graded Event</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Quizzes	100	10%
Mid-term Exam	200	20%
Book Exams	3@100	30%
Source Essay #1	25	2.5%
Source Essay #2	25	2.5%
Final Exam	250	25%
Class Participation	100	10%

Classroom Participation: These points will be based on the quality of your contributions to discussions in the classroom. Learning is a “student-centered” activity that requires your thoughtful participation and analysis of ideas presented during class. You will be graded on the quality of your contributions to the class and your ability to analyze and discuss course concepts in the classroom.

Primary Source Essays: As noted in the syllabus, you will be provided with two primary sources during the class and you will be expected to write an in-class analysis concerning the major issues raised and the significance of the source with respect to the class.

Book Exams: There will be three exams at 100 points each covering *Celia, A Slave*, *All for the Union* and *Confederates in the Attic*. The exams will be administered in class and will focus on both conceptual and knowledge-based information related to each work.

LESSON OVERVIEW

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ASSIGNED READING</u>
1 (27 Aug)	Course Administration/Course Overview	Review Syllabus
2 (29 Aug)	The Modernization of America	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 1
3 (3 Sep)	The Antebellum South	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 2
4 (5 Sep)	The “Peculiar Institution”	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 3
5 (10 Sep)	Slavery on Trial (Book Quiz)	<i>Celia: A Slave</i>
6 (12 Sep)	Texas, Mexico, & the Compromise of 1850	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 4
7 (17 Sep)	“Bloody Kansas”	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 5-6
8 (19 Sep)	Descent into Crisis	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 7

9 (24 Sep)	The Specter of Fear & Slave Revolt	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 8
10 (26 Sep)	Secession and the Coming of War	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 9
11 (1 Oct)	Mobilizing for War	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 10-11
12 (3 Oct)	Mid-term Exam	Review all readings
13 (8 Oct)	Civil War: The Opening Act	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 13-14
14 (10 Oct)	A Soldier's View of War (Book Quiz)	<i>All for the Union</i>
15 (15 Oct)	Civil War: Women & the War	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 21
16 (17 Oct)	Civil War: The South Ascendant?	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 15-16
17 (22 Oct)	Civil War: Technology & Annihilation	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 17-18
18 (24 Oct)	After Antietam: Primary Source Discussion (Primary Source 1: In class analysis)	<i>Emancipation Proclamation</i>
19 (29 Oct)	Gettysburg & Vicksburg: Turning Point?	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 19-20
20 (31 Oct)	Civil War: Sherman on the March	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 22
21 (5 Nov)	Civil War: Stalemate	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 23
22 (7 Nov)	Civil War: Decision	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 24
23 (12 Nov)	Primary Source Criticism & Discussion (Primary Source 2: In class analysis)	A Letter to My Old Master
24 (14 Nov)	The End of the Confederacy	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 25
25 (19 Nov)	Finding Peace?	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 26-27
26 (21 Nov)	Reconstruction Ascendant	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 28-29
27 (26 Nov)	Freedom for All? (Movie: Lincoln)	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 30-31
28 (3 Dec)	Memory & the Civil War	<i>Ordeal by Fire</i> , Chap. 32
29 (5 Dec)	The Unfinished War? (Book Quiz)	<i>Confederates in the Attic</i>

FINAL EXAM TBA

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is required. I take attendance at the beginning of class and we conduct community building at the start of class so being on time is important to your learning experience. Early departures from class should be cleared with the instructor before the start of class. As much of the course work happens in class, missing 25% of the classes or more will result in a minimum of a letter grade deduction from the final grade. This includes both excused and unexcused absences. This does not include university-sanctioned absences for which I receive notification from the University. All students (whether present or absent) are responsible for all announcements made in class and all assignments given in class because it is sometimes necessary to make changes to the syllabus.

Cell Phone Policy

Cellular phones and other electronic devices should be turned off during lectures. Laptop computers may be used to take notes during the class.

Make-up Exam Policy

Based on instructor discretion, students may be allowed to take a make-up exam in the event of extraordinary circumstances that prevent the student from taking the exam at the scheduled time. In any event, if a student misses an exam, he/she should notify the instructor within 24 hours of the reason for the absence.

Late Assignments

An assignment is considered to be late if it is not turned in at the start of the class period during which the assignment is due. Late assignments without an acceptable excuse as determined by the instructor will be recorded as a zero or may incur a penalty.

Academic Dishonesty

Students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. Academic Dishonesty for which a student is subject to penalty includes cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, multiple submissions, misrepresentation of academic records, facilitating academic dishonesty, unfair advantage, and ethical misconduct. This includes holding other students to same standards and reporting any incidents of alleged violation of the honesty policy to the instructor involved or, if necessary, to the appropriate academic department head. All students are responsible for being familiar with the Academic Dishonesty Policy which may be found in the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Student Handbook.

Academic Integrity and Chat GPT

Written work submitted by students—all process work, drafts, low-stakes writing, final versions, and all other submissions—will be generated by the students themselves, working individually or in groups when permitted. This means that the following would be considered violations of academic integrity: If a student has another person/entity do the writing of any substantive portion of an assignment for them, which includes hiring a person or a company to write essays and drafts and/or other assignments, research-based or otherwise, and using artificial intelligence affordances like ChatGPT.

Academic Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights protection for individuals with disabilities. Title II of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that students with disabilities be guaranteed equal access to the learning environment through the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodations of their disability. If you have a disability that may require an accommodation, please contact Disability Support Services (DSS) for the coordination of services. The phone number for DSS is (210) 784-1335 and email is dss@tamusa.edu.

Academic Learning Center

All currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio can utilize the Academic Learning Center for subject-area tutoring. The Academic Learning Center is an appointment based center where appointments are made through the Navigate platform. Students access Navigate through Jagwire in the Student Services tab. The Center is active on campus outreaching to students to highlight services offered. You can contact the Academic Learning Center by emailing tutoring@tamusa.edu or calling (210)-784-1332. Appointments can also be made through JagWire under the services tab.

Counseling Resources

As a college student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and/or negatively impact your daily functioning. If you or someone you know is experiencing life stressors, emotional difficulties, or mental health concerns at Texas A&M University – San Antonio, please contact the Student Counseling Center (SCC) located in Modular C, Room 166 (Rear entrance) or call 210-784-1331 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. After-hours crisis support is available by calling 210-784-1331. Please contact UPD at 911 if harm to self or harm to others is imminent.

All mental health services provided by the SCC are free, confidential (to the extent permitted by law), and are not part of a student's academic or university record. SCC provides brief individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, case management, and prevention services. For more information, please visit www.tamusa.edu/studentcounseling

Emergency Preparedness

JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio's mass notification system. In the event of an emergency, such as inclement weather, students, staff, and faculty who are registered in JagE Alert, will have the option to receive a text message, email, and/or phone call with instructions and updates. To register or update your information visit: <https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/>.

More information about Emergency Preparedness and the Emergency Response Guide can be found here: <https://www.tamusa.edu/upd/index.html>.

Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance

According to the following federal regulation, 34 CFR 668.21: U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title IV regulation, a student can only receive Title IV funds based on Title IV eligibility criteria which include class attendance. If Title IV funds are disbursed to ineligible students (including students who fail to begin attendance), the institution must return these funds to the U.S. DoE within 30 days of becoming aware that the student will not or has not begun attendance. Faculty will provide the Office of Financial Aid with an electronic notification if a student has not attended the first week of class. Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend the first week of class will have their aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester may also need to return a portion of their federal aid.

Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement

The Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement (Mays Center) provides enhanced learning opportunities and access to resources and relationships in order to develop students into career-ready and community-minded graduates. Programs and services provided by the Mays Center include: Career Services, Career Clothes Closet, Civic Engagement, Community Service, Experience Transcript, Externships, the General's Store, Internships and more. *Science and Technology Building, First Floor | (210)784-1356 | mays@tamusa.edu | <http://www.tamusa.edu/mays>*

Meeting Basic Needs

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is urged to contact the Dean of Students (DOS@tamusa.edu) for support. In addition, you may notify the instructor if you are comfortable doing so.

Military Affairs

Veterans and active-duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to communicate, in advance if possible, about special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployment, drill requirements, disability accommodations). You are also encouraged to visit the Patriots' Casa in-person, Room 202, or to contact the Office of Military Affairs with any questions at military@tamusa.edu or (210)784-1397.

Religious Observances

Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under A&M System policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes.

The Six-Drop Rule

Students are subject to the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007. SB 1231 limits students to a maximum of six (6) non-punitive course drops (i.e., courses a student chooses to drop) during their undergraduate careers. A non-punitive drop does not affect the student's GPA. However, course drops that exceed the maximum allowed by SB 1231 will be treated as "F" grades and will impact the student's GPA.

Statement of Harassment and Discrimination

Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, A&M-San Antonio encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality, pluralism, and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation, and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law and individual merit. Texas A&M University-San Antonio, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices within their respective units.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the university as a whole. If you have experienced any form of sex- or gender-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available. A&M-San Antonio has staff members trained to support survivors in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. The university strongly encourages all students to report any such incidents to the university. Please be aware that all A&M-San Antonio employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as counselors and other healthcare providers) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the university. This means that if you tell a faculty member about an incident of sexual harassment or sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the university's Title IX Coordinator. If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact the Student Counseling Center at (210) 784-1331, Modular C.

Student Academic Success Center (SASC)

The SASC takes a developmental approach to help students complete their academic goals from orientation through graduation. The Center offers academic and skills workshops, one-on-one appointments, and online resources to help retention efforts at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. The goal of the Center is to help students discover, self-reflect, and become independent learners. Student Academic Success is located in Modular C. Their services are currently offered virtually or by phone. To contact the Center, please call **210-784-1307** or email at

Student.Success@tamusa.edu.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

The purpose of the following statement is to enumerate the essential provisions of students' freedoms and responsibilities to learn at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. All students are required to follow all policies and regulations as set forth by The Texas A&M University System, including the A&M-San Antonio Student Code of Conduct.

Students' Rights

1. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no university rule or procedure that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition, and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.
2. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the university, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
3. A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.
4. Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of university student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process.

Students' Responsibilities

1. A student has the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, the faculty and staff, and the administration.

2. A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted and compliant with the University Student Rules found in the Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, on our website, and in the University Catalog.
3. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire University community.
4. A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide a safe environment for learning.
5. A student has the responsibility to check their University email for any updates or official University notifications.

We expect that students will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center

The Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center supports graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges as well as faculty and staff. Tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, and plan, draft, and revise their written assignments. Our language tutors support students enrolled in Spanish courses and students composing in Spanish for any assignment. Our digital studio tutors support students working on digital projects such as eportfolios, class presentations, or other digital multimedia projects. Students can schedule appointments through JagWire under the Student Services tab. Click on "Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center" to make your appointment. The Center offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. More information about what services we offer, how to make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/WLDCCenter>.