



# FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE

## AMH2010 001 – United States History to 1877

Fall 2025 – MW @ 1:00 pm – 2:15 p.m.

Building 2, Room 2

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### Instructor Information

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Fridays\* (*subject to change, please check Canvas*).

**Office Phone:** (386) 754-4293

**Other Available Hours:** TEXT ME! TEXT ONLY (NO PHONE CALLS) -- @ 386-243-9746

**Virtual Hours:** Weds @ 3-4 pm, link is on Canvas

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### Course Information

**Credits:** 3

**Requirements Met:** AATR, GE, GEC, GR

**General Education Area:** Group 1 Social Science

**Prerequisites:** Completion of ENC0025 and REA0017 with a grade of C or better, or ENC0027C with a grade of C or better, or score out on appropriate placement test.

### 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.

### State Course Learning Objectives:

- 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.

### **Required Texts/Learning Resources**

Carnes, M.C., & Garraty, J.A. (2015). *Revel for the American Nation: A history of the United States, Volume 1* (15<sup>th</sup> ed.). Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0134101781. (**Full subscription required!**)

### **General Learning Outcomes**

- **Cultural Awareness:** Students will explain how aspects of culture relate to the human experience.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students will logically evaluate, analyze, and synthesize information.

### **Civic Literacy**

Successful completion of this course will satisfy part of the Florida Postsecondary Civic Literacy requirement for graduation. Associate in Arts and Baccalaureate students with a catalog year of Fall 2021 or later AND Associate in Science and Applied Science students with a catalog year of Fall 2022 or later will also need to pass the **Florida Civic Literacy Exam** prior to graduation in order to receive their degree(s). More information about the FCLE can be found on Canvas in the Civic Literacy Examination Preparation course. Dual enrollment students should contact the Director of Dual Enrollment at 386-754-4443 or the Director of Testing and Accessibility Services at 386-754-4215 for more information about taking the FCLE.

Civic literacy competencies and outcomes include:

- An understanding of the basic principles of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
- An understanding of the United States Constitution.
- Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-governance.
- An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases and their impact on law and society.

### **Critical Dates – Fall 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday, August 18	Fall A16 and A8 classes start
Monday – Wednesday, August 18-20	Add/Drop period for Fall A8
Monday – Friday, August 18-22	Add/Drop period for Fall A16
Monday, September 1	Labor Day – No Classes
Monday, September 15	Fall B12 classes start

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday – Wednesday, September 15-17	Add/Drop period for Fall B12
Friday, September 26	Deadline for student-initiated withdrawals – A8
Monday, September 29	Fall B10 classes start
Mon. – Wed., Sep. 29 – Oct. 1	Add/Drop period for Fall B10
Friday, October 10	Fall A8 classes end
Monday, October 13	Fall B8 classes start
Monday – Wednesday, October 13-15	Add/Drop period for Fall B8
Tuesday, November 7	Deadline for student-initiated withdrawals – A16
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran’s Day – No Classes
Monday, November 14	Deadline for student-initiated withdrawals – B12
Thursday, November 18	Deadline for student-initiated withdrawals – B10
Monday, November 21	Deadline for student-initiated withdrawals – B8
Wednesday – Friday, November 26-28	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
Friday, December 5	Fall A16, B12, B10, and B8 classes end



Module	Dates	Topic(s)	Coursework
4	9/15 9/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puritans</li> <li>• Ch 5</li> <li>• Stamp Act</li> <li>• Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> <li>• Read Chapter 5</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• Revolution</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
5	9/22 9/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 6</li> <li>• Constitution groups</li> <li>• Articles of Confederation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 6</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• Constitution</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
6	9/29 10/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 7</li> <li>• Jefferson</li> <li>• MONDAY, FEB 17 IS</li> <li>• PRESIDENTS DAY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 7</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
7	10/06 10/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 9</li> <li>• Lowell Mills</li> <li>• Podcast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 9</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>•</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
8	10/13 10/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 10</li> <li>• Jackson groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 10</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
9	10/20 10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 13</li> <li>• Slavery groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 13</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• Slavery project</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
10	10/27 10/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 14</li> <li>• Sectionalism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map</li> <li>• Groups</li> </ul>
11	11/03 11/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch 14</li> <li>• The Road to War</li> <li>• THURSDAY, Nov 7 is the LAST DAY to WITHDRAW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 13-14</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• Groups</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
12	11/10 11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLO Article</li> <li>• Outbreak of war</li> <li>• TUESDAY, Nov 11 is VETERANS DAY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit your GLO Essay on Government power / Federalism</li> <li>• It's worth 20% of your total grade!</li> <li>• Sign up for FCLE Exam!</li> </ul>
13	11/17 11/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil War</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 15</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
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14	11/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• War and Reconstruction</li> <li>• NOV 26-28 is THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</li> <li>• </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapter 16</li> <li>• Review Pearson Revel materials</li> <li>• FCLE study guide</li> </ul>
15	12/01 12/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction lecture</li> <li>• Course Final</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Exam – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCLE Exam (if you can)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **Student Expectations**

### **Attendance**

*It is understood that students will be on Canvas at least a few times each week. Therefore, **it is the student's responsibility to budget time and get things done.** Serious personal life events should be discussed with the instructor, on an individual basis, by email or (preferably) by phone. No personal documentation (obituaries, doctors notes) will ever be requested, or necessary, for any reason.*

*\*\*DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS who miss (an) assignment/s due to a **school sponsored activity** (sports, robotics, FFA, field trip) need to **tell the instructor ahead of time** (minimum of **48 hours** before the beginning of the trip) and make a plan to turn in the work. If late then penalties may apply. Documentation may be required.*

### **Courtesy and Student Conduct Code**

The instructor regularly checks emails and can provide very quick response during daytime hours Mondays-Fridays generally, and also frequently Saturdays-Sundays. When a student sends an email, the following rules and courtesies should be observed:

>All communications must be signed, with a name. Un-signed emails or texts will be immediately returned to the student, un-answered, with a request for a name.

>Be as clear as possible in framing the question or request. Improper grammar such as text-speak (example: "can u plz tell us whn r grades r posted k thx") can lead to confusion and will be ignored.

>Communicate with a clear frame of mind. Rude, disrespectful, discourteous emails will be ignored with severe cases being referred to a Dean for disciplinary measures, as appropriate.

Please try to be courteous and respectful on the discussion boards.

In class please be respectful and courteous.

### **Late Work**

Revel quizzes can be taken through Revel, for half credit, after the deadline, anytime until the final deadline of the semester.

Papers, and homework will lose one letter grade (10% of the overall grade) for every 24 hours that has passed after the original due date/time. This penalty starts at 12:01 a.m. immediately after the deadline. After 3 days, late work will not be accepted unless a specific plan has been worked out with the instructor.

Discussion boards can be made up within 48 hours for ½ credit.

### **Grading Policies (Student Performance Measures)**

#### **Learning Activities**

Your final letter grade will be determined by totaling the points earned on all graded coursework. There are 500 total points in this course. Listed below is how those 500 points are divided up:

- **GLO Essay (1)** – 100 points
- **Final Exam (1)** – 80 points
- **Written Assignments (5)** – 125 points (*25 points each*)
- **Creative Assignments (8)** – 120 points (*15 points each*)
- **FCLE Study Guide Assignments (13)** – 65 points (*5 points each*)
- **Start Here Preliminary Assignments (2)** – 10 points (*5 points each*)

450-500 = A  
430-449 = B+  
400-429 = B  
380-399 = C+  
350-379 = C  
330-349 = D+  
300-329 = D  
299 and below = F

#### **Grading Scale**

**A** – 90% - 100%  
**B** – 80% - 89.9%  
**C** – 70% - 79.9%  
**D** – 60% - 69.9%  
**F** – 59.9% or below

### **Returning Grades**

I will grade most assignments within one week of the due date. For more expansive assignments, I will return them within two weeks. This gives me ample time to provide constructive, useful feedback to help you progress and grow as a student in this course.

### **Student Support and Tech Needs**

This course requires students to have access to a computer and the internet. For those students who do not own a computer, computer labs are available on the FGC campus and in public libraries. Students without internet can come to the FGC campus, go to local public libraries, coffee shops, etc.

Minimal technical skills require for this course include the ability to use Microsoft Office products and navigate the Internet.

If you have any additional questions, please contact IT at 386-754-4408. You can also email the Florida Gateway College helpdesk at [helpdesk@fgc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@fgc.edu).

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## Florida Gateway College Policies and Statements

### The Library

The Wilson S. Rivers Library is located in Building 200 and also includes millions of e-books and articles (<https://www.fgc.edu/academics/library/>). The library has more than 70 computers with 50 pages daily of free B&W printing for students. There are also small and large study rooms available for two hours at a time. Click the link above for more information. Librarians are available to assist with research help, and there are helpful videos on library searching and citation help here: (<https://www.fgc.edu/academics/library/research-help-and-guides/>).

Phone- 386-754-4401 Email- [library@fgc.edu](mailto:library@fgc.edu) Ask-A-Librarian text and chat

### Fall & Spring Semester Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am – 7:30 pm Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Sunday: CLOSED

### Summer Semester Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am – 6:30 pm Friday: CLOSED Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

### Student Success Center (SSC)

The Student Success Center (SSC) is located in Building 008. The SSC offers a variety of resources for students and faculty. Access to computers and limited printing is available. Copies of reference books, textbooks, access to course specific software, and access to tutors for all levels of math and writing are available in the SSC. Tutoring in other subjects is also offered. The SSC provides space for students to study in subject specific learning groups. Stop by or call the Student Success Center to request the most current tutor schedule (386-754-4382).

### Fall Semester SSC Hours

Monday--Thursday: 8:00am – 6:00 pm

Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm

### Spring Semester SSC Hours

Monday--Thursday: 8:00am – 6:00 pm

Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm

### Summer Semester SSC Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

If you have any questions, you may contact the center by phone at 386-754-4479, 386-754-4382, or by emailing Christina Slater at [christina.slater@fgc.edu](mailto:christina.slater@fgc.edu).

### EAB Navigate

The SSC initiates student progress reports to the entire campus through EAB Navigate. EAB Navigate is an early-alert tool designed to identify students who may be susceptible to falling behind in their course before they actually do.

Twice during the semester, we provide instructors with the opportunity to ALERT students of their course progress. This is done through the FGC Wolves email account. Students may receive an email stating their success may be at risk in a specific course. If you receive this email, DO NOT PANIC. Please contact your instructor directly, your academic advisor, and the SSC. Your instructor's information is provided in the email.

Navigate Student is a mobile app designed to support students during their academic careers at FGC. Navigate Student is the ultimate student resource that acts as a personal advisor and provides students with the information they need, when they need it. Additionally, students may make an appointment with an advisor, view campus events, be alerted on important to-do's, view class schedules, explore their major, and much more.

Please do not allow yourself to struggle. We are here to help you achieve success. The mission of the SSC is to help encourage and promote your educational journey here at FGC and beyond.

### Class Recording

A student shall not make a recording in class unless the recording is limited to the class lecture, and

1. the recording is made for the student's personal educational use,
2. in connection with a complaint to the college, or

3. as evidence in or in preparation for a criminal or civil proceeding.

Students are not permitted to record in class, through any means over any medium, any academic or other activity that is not a class lecture. A recording of any meeting or conversation between students, or between students and faculty, is strictly prohibited unless all parties have consented to such recording. A recording of a class lecture may not be published without the prior express written consent of the recorded faculty member.

### Resource Information

Florida Gateway College has partnered with BetterMynd, (<https://www.better-mynd.com/students>) an online therapy platform for college students, to offer our students access to free video-therapy sessions with their diverse network of licensed mental health counselors.

Florida Gateway College students can now access free online therapy sessions on the BetterMynd platform with the counselor of their choice. These 50-minute, live video-sessions are private, confidential, and can take place from the convenience of your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. Sessions are available during the day, at night, and on the weekends.

To register and get started with a counselor that's a good fit for you, sign-up here. (<https://app.bettermynd.com/register>)

If you have any questions about these services, you can email BetterMynd at [students@bettermynd.com](mailto:students@bettermynd.com).

If you are in the need of additional resources please contact the Director of Student Life, Amy Dekle, at [amy.dekle@fgc.edu](mailto:amy.dekle@fgc.edu), or by visiting Building 007.

### Academic Appeal; Grievances; General Complaint

If a student wishes to file an academic appeal, grievance, or general complaint, please visit the college's website. Under Students and the Complaints & Appeals section (<https://www.fgc.edu/students/complaints-and-appeals/>), information regarding policy, procedure, and forms related to these topics is provided.

### College Course Withdrawal and Drop Process

A course may be dropped only during the published add/drop period. After add/drop, students must withdrawal from their course. Please visit the College Catalog for more detailed information about the drop and withdrawal process.

Students are responsible for withdrawing by the published deadline. Students must allow sufficient time for the process to be completed. The fully approved withdrawal form is due to Enrollment Services by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline posted on the Academic Calendar or it is considered late.

To withdraw from a course, the following steps must take place:

1. The student obtains the instructor's authorization and last date of attendance in person or via email.
2. The student meets with an academic advisor, who will sign the form (Building 14). Or, if an online student, emails the advisor a statement requesting a withdrawal from the course. The email must include the instructor's email with the last date of attendance.
3. The advisor will complete a withdrawal form, attach the emails from the student and instructor in lieu of signatures and forward the form to Financial Aid.
4. A Financial Aid representative will complete and sign the form and forward the form to Enrollment Services to be processed.

Students are strongly encouraged to begin the withdrawal process the day before the withdrawal deadline to allow sufficient time for the process to be completed by all offices involved (Instructor, Advising Services, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services).

It is the student's responsibility to understand all financial and academic implications of the withdrawal. Students are permitted a maximum of two (2) withdrawals per course. Upon the third attempt, a student must receive a grade for the course. Absence from class or merely notifying the professor does not constitute withdrawal. A student who stops attending class without withdrawing will receive a grade from the instructor.

### Incompletes

Incomplete grades are reserved for students who are unable to complete a course and the withdrawal date has passed. A student should only be issued an incomplete if at least 75% of the course assignments have been submitted and the student can reasonably complete the remaining assignments within the first three weeks of the next term to earn a passing overall grade. Otherwise, students should be issued the earned letter grade in the course at the end of the current term.

The Incomplete Grade Request Form must be completed and submitted for approval by the FIRST day of Final Exams and BEFORE issuing the "I" grade. The instructor will describe

the circumstances leading up to the requested "I" for the course, and list the missing assignments, quizzes, exams, and any other course requirements needed to satisfactorily complete the course within the first three weeks of the next term. The form must be signed by the instructor, student, and the Dean/Executive Director over the program. Once all participants have signed, an approval email will be sent to the instructor for authorization to assign the "I" grade.

### Student Communication Standards

You are expected to communicate in a professional and respectful tone with the instructor and fellow classmates. All written communication (in email correspondence, discussion forums, assignments, quizzes and exams, etc.) must use proper written English. Please refrain from using online and texting abbreviations and language. Oral communications, if applicable, must be made with a respectful tone and body language. Use proper netiquette throughout!

### Academic Honesty

At Florida Gateway College, we value the development of critical thinking, effective communication, and academic growth. To ensure fairness and uphold the principles of academic integrity, any instances of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating, plagiarism, bribery, misrepresentation, fabrication, unauthorized use of AI technologies, etc.) are not permitted and will be dealt with severely. Students should make themselves aware of the student code of conduct found in the Student Handbook. We believe in your ability to think critically and develop your own unique perspectives. By adhering to these guidelines and committing to the principles of academic integrity, you will not only enhance your learning experience, but also foster an environment of trust and respect within our academic community.

### Use of AI Technologies

The use of AI technologies to generate or assist in the creation and completion of assignments is strictly prohibited, unless explicitly allowed by the instructor as described in the course syllabus. It is your responsibility to read this thoroughly and carefully at the beginning of the semester.

Your assignments should reflect your own thoughts, analysis, and original work. Florida Gateway College employs the use of AI detection tools to assess the authenticity of your assignments. These tools are designed to identify instances of cheating and plagiarism, including the use of AI technologies. Any submissions that violate this policy will be subject

to disciplinary action. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of AI technologies in your courses, please review your course syllabus or reach out to your instructor for clarification.

### Civil Rights and Compliance Statement

Florida Gateway College does not discriminate in education or employment related decisions on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, disability, age, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or any other legally protected status in accordance with the law. The Civil Rights & Compliance Officer is Cassie Buckles, Executive Director of Human Resources, Building 001, Room 116, 149 SE College Place, Lake City, FL 32025, and may be reached at [cassandra.buckles@fgc.edu](mailto:cassandra.buckles@fgc.edu) or by phone at 386-754-4313.

### Disability Statement

The Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) is a resource for both students with disabilities as well as faculty. Students with disabilities in need of academic accommodations must first be registered with

the OAS to verify the disability, establish eligibility, and determine reasonable academic accommodations.

After registering with the OAS, students must request their academic accommodation letters be sent to them each semester to share with their instructors. Upon receipt of the letter, the instructor will be available during office hours or via email to discuss the accommodations a student will need during the course.

Students with disabilities who are not registered with the OAS or faculty who may have questions or concerns regarding an accommodation, please contact the office at the following:

In person: Building 007, Room 107 Phone: (386) 754-4393 Email: [Accessibility.Services@fgc.edu](mailto:Accessibility.Services@fgc.edu)

### FERPA Statement

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides certain privacy rights to students related to educational records. This information can be found in the College Catalog, at the Office of Enrollment Services in Building 015 or on the Florida Gateway College website ([www.fgc.edu/students/registration-and-records/ferpa/](http://www.fgc.edu/students/registration-and-records/ferpa/)).

## SACSCOC Statement

Florida Gateway College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate and associate degrees. Florida Gateway College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Florida Gateway College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

## Honorlock Statement

Florida Gateway College has partnered with Honorlock, an online testing proctoring service. If off-campus remote proctoring is required during any course, Honorlock will be the online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam. You DO NOT need to create an account, download software or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7 and all that is needed is a computer, a working webcam, and a stable Internet connection.

To get started, you will need to download the Honorlock Chrome Extension using Google Chrome. You can download the extension on the Honorlock website ([www.honorlock.com/install/extension/](http://www.honorlock.com/install/extension/)). When you are ready to test, log into the LMS, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking Launch Proctoring will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself, show your ID, and complete a scan of your room. Honorlock will be recording your exam session by webcam as well as recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device.

Honorlock support is available 24/7/365. If you encounter any issues, you may contact Honorlock by live chat, by phone at 844-243-2500, and/or by email at [support@honorlock.com](mailto:support@honorlock.com).

If you encounter a Canvas issue, please contact Canvas via the Canvas Help menu or by clicking the Canvas Support link within your course(s).

## Turnitin Statement

Instructors may require writing assignments to be submitted to Turnitin when uploaded to Canvas. Turnitin is an internet-based service that looks for similarities and potential plagiarism by comparing your assignment submissions with its massive database of student work (including previous student submissions at Florida Gateway College), the Internet, and its

entire archive, books, and journal and reference publications. Turnitin generates a similarity report, which can help you and your instructor determine whether you used sources fairly and ethically, cited correctly, and paraphrased effectively.

You are encouraged to submit your written work to Turnitin prior to assignment deadlines, whether through Canvas or Draft Coach. If needed, that would allow you time to review the library's research and help guides or seek writing assistance from your instructor or a tutor in the Student Success Center.

### Mission Statement

The mission of Florida Gateway College is to provide superior instruction, nurture individual development, foster career readiness, and enrich the diverse communities it serves through affordable, higher quality education programs and lifelong learning opportunities.