

San José State University
College of Social Science
Interdisciplinary Social Science and Sociology Department
AAS 33A-08, Asian Americans and U.S. History and Political Institutions
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GE/American Institutions Category: D2 Social Sciences and US 1 American Institutions

Course Description

This course will examine the development of the U.S. from before the era of European expansion through the Civil War. Emphasis will be given to the historical and political factors that shaped the culture, society and institutions of the nation. This approach will focus on the roles played by workers, immigrants, and people of color generally and Asian Americans in particular. Since Asian immigrants did not arrive in large numbers until the 1850s, AAS 33A will focus on the historical experiences of Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and women. Such an examination of minority groups in the United States will help us understand the development of this country as a diverse, multicultural nation.

This course will also examine the development of national political ideologies, institutions, and practices. Topics will include the nature of government, the evolution of the Constitution, federalism, civil liberties and civil rights, political parties and interest groups and the ways in which politics and public policy have been interwoven with struggles over the issues of race, ethnicity,

Area D Social Science. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

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Class Participations and Weekly quizzes (20%)

Two Midterm Exams (30%)

These two exams will be based on class lectures, activities, and readings. This exam will cover the assigned chapters in the textbooks, Canvas activities, and lectures for five-six weeks. It will be composed of two essays, 20 multiple choice questions, and 20 true/false questions.

Two Essays (30%)

Final Exam (20%)

The final exam will cover the assigned chapters in the textbooks, Canvas activities, and lectures for the entire

Readings: Jones, Chapter 7

8th Week