

San José State University
College of Social Science
Interdisciplinary Social Science and Sociology Department
AAS 33A-09, 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, gender, and class.

While team taught, your section instructor will be responsible for specific assignments and grading.

Texts

Greenberg, Edward S., and Benjamin I. Page, *The Struggle for Democracy*, 11th Edition, Pearson Publishers, 2014 ISBN-13: 978-0133915273

ISBN-10: 0133915271

Jones, Jacqueline, et. al., *Created Equal: A Social and Political History of the United States*, 4th Edition, Pearson Publishers, 2014 (Combined 33A and 33B edition) ISBN-13: 978-0205901302

ISBN-10: 0205901301

These textbooks are available for purchase at Spartan Bookstore and other outlets.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services are listed on Syllabus Information web page. (<http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo>) hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

GE Learning Outcomes (GELO)

As stated above, this course meets the lower division General Education (GE) Learning Outcomes in Social Science (Area D) and American Institutions (US1, US2 & US3). Both 33A and 33B are required in order to receive American Institutions credit.

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

