Pitt State Pathway
(Undergraduate Course Numbers through 699)

Please check only one:
- Course is currently a “General Education” course
- Course is listed in the current catalog, but is NOT a “General Education” course
- New course that is NOT listed in the current catalog and has NOT been legislated through PSU Faculty Senate and/or KBOR

A. Submission date: December 18, 2018

B. Department: HPSS

C. College: Arts and Sciences
   If two or more Colleges, please indicate which Colleges will be involved in teaching the course:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

D. Name of faculty member on record for the course (may be Coordinating Professor or Chair):
   Bonnekessen
   (As faculty of record, I verify all sections agree to address the Core or Essential Studies Element and corresponding Learning Outcome as indicated below.)

E. Course prefix: HIST

F. Course number: 201

G. Credit hours: 3

H. Title of course: American History To 1865
   Is this a change in the title of the course? No
   (If “Yes,” a Revision to Course form will need to be completed and uploaded to the Preliminary Briefcase and will go through the legislation process.)

I. Will this course require a new course description? No
   (If “Yes,” please insert new course description here. A Revision of Course form will need to be completed and uploaded to the Preliminary Briefcase and will go through the legislation process)
   Click or tap here to enter text.

J. Does this course include a co-requisite laboratory course: No
   If “Yes”, please provide the co-requisite course name and number:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

K. Will this course be available on-line: No
   If “Yes”, please provide a detailed explanation: Click or tap here to enter text.

L. Semester(s) course will be offered (choose all that apply): Fall and Spring

M. Prerequisite(s): none

N. Co-requisite(s) —other than lab course named above: none
0. Select the Pitt State Pathway Core Element or Essential Studies Element based on the identified Learning Outcome to be covered in the course (choose only one set):
(Refer to definitions, hierarchy, and rubrics in the Pitt State Pathway document)

Select Only One Element

- Communication
  - Written Communication
    - Students will communicate effectively.

- Communication
  - Verbal Communication
    - Students will communicate effectively.

- Quantitative/Analytic Methods and Scientific Literacy
  - Quantitative/Analytic Methods
    - Students will analyze data logically.

- Global Understanding and Civic Engagement
  - Human Experience within a Global Context
    - Students will explore global systems conscientiously.

- Global Understanding and Civic Engagement
  - Human Systems within a Global Context
    - Students will explore global systems conscientiously.

- Global Understanding and Civic Engagement
  - Natural World within a Global Context
    - Students will explore global systems conscientiously.

- Personal and Professional Behavior
  - Wellness Strategies
    - Students will model productive behaviors purposefully.

P. Will the course address a Companion Element? Yes
(Refer to definitions, hierarchy, and rubrics in the Pitt State Pathway document.)

If “Yes,” please select one: Diverse Perspectives within a global context

Q. What is the highest anticipated level of student achievement for the stated learning outcome(s) common across all sections of the course? Note: Sample assessment strategies will be submitted on the representative syllabus. Benchmark
(Refer to definitions, hierarchy, and rubrics in the Pitt State Pathway document.)

R. Please submit course syllabus as an attachment, highlighting the following items: course objectives related to Learning Outcome(s), assessment strategies (e.g. exams, course project, etc.), and assessment tool(s) to be used to measure student achievement.
Legislative Process
Authorization and Notification Signatures
(Electronic signatures accepted)

Department Chairperson .................................. Approve ☑ Not Approved □

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Department Chairperson Signature

4.Feb., 2019

Faculty Senate General Education Committee .................................. Approve □ Not Approved □

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Faculty Senate General Education Chairperson Signature

Date

Faculty Senate .................................. Approve □ Not Approved □

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary Signature

Date

Note: Each College curriculum representative will notify their respective College and Department(s) of the completion of the approval process.

*Originating Department: Please complete the entire form, acquire the Chairperson’s signature, and save as PSP.ABC123.Form. Save the syllabus to be attached as PSP.ABC123.Syll. Email the completed form and attachments to psupathway@pittstate.edu.

Naming convention: PSP.ABC123.Form
PSP = Pitt State Pathway.
ABC123 = Course abbreviation and number
PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865 SYLLABUS  
FALL 2018

HIST 201-01: MWF 8:00am-8:50am, 407 Russ Hall

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Catalog Course Description  
The origins of the American nation to the conclusion of the Civil War.

INTRODUCTION  
American History to 1865 is an introductory-level course designed to present a survey of American history through the Civil War. Students will examine the following themes, among others: the creation and expansion of the political process, the social and economic lives of Americans, the founding of the American nation, and the rise of sectional tension between the North and South that led the nation into the Civil War.

For two of the three class meetings per week, the instructor will present lectures on the topics indicated in the course schedule. In the third class meeting, students will participate in large and small group discussions based on primary source readings.

Students who successfully complete this Pathway History course will be able to:
- Demonstrate an adequate ability to describe objective historical facts pertaining to the topic covered by this course; and
- Demonstrate an adequate ability to interpret the "why" and "so what" questions pertaining to the topic covered by this course.

Additionally, students who successfully complete this Pathway US History course will be able to meet the following learning objectives:

- Identify, describe, classify, and discuss key concepts from US History to 1865. Particular focus will be placed on the creation and expansion of the political process, the social and economic lives of Americans, the founding of the American nation, and the rise of sectional tension between the North and South that led the nation into the Civil War.
  - Competency will be measured through in-class tests, quizzes, and group discussions.

Pitt State Pathway Mission Statement

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The *Pitt State Pathway* curriculum serves as the heart of the university education by fostering interdisciplinary competencies that typify the educated person. It is designed to facilitate the development of key proficiencies including communication and information literacy. The *Pitt State Pathway* curriculum provides a transformational experience that challenges students to think creatively and critically, and to immerse themselves in the productive examination of humans in their global setting. By encouraging the development of skills that promote life-long learning, the *Pitt State Pathway* fosters a sense of personal responsibility, an appreciation of diversity, and an understanding of interconnectedness in our truly global society.

**Learning Outcome: Students will explore global systems conscientiously.**

**Pitt State Pathway: Human Systems within a Global Context**

Humans have developed complex systems that structure interaction. It is important to understand how and why these systems developed, change through time, vary by location, and are interconnected at all levels (local/regional/global), and the implications of that interconnectedness. Competency in this element means:

- Analyzing the structure, development, and change of human cultures (economic, political, social, ideological, etc.) over time;
- Analyzing the individual’s role and responsibility to society at all levels
- Evaluating how human systems are interconnected at all levels

**Expected student achievement: Benchmark - Describes** human organizational systems using a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.

**Companion Element: Diverse Perspectives Within a Global Context**

Valuing different perspectives and analyzing the interrelationships between them leads to global respect and understanding. Anticipated level of achievement: 1 Benchmark.

**KBOR Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes**

This articulated course adheres to the Kansas Board of Regents Core Outcomes (available in full here: [https://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/3214-2013-14KCOGReport.pdf](https://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/3214-2013-14KCOGReport.pdf))

**REQUIRED TEXTS**


Students must have all textbooks by the first day of class. The instructor cannot make accommodations for students who have not obtained the textbooks. On discussion days, students who do not come to class with their textbooks will be counted as absent.

Students will complete all readings and prepare themselves to discuss the ideas contained therein prior to class. Periodic reading quizzes will assess student learning from the texts.
ASSESSMENT
Each student is required to take all examinations on the appointed days, turn in all assignments on time, and attend class regularly. All of these factors are important to your final grade.

Students will take two unit exams (100 points), a multiple-choice exam (50 points) on the shared reading, and a cumulative final exam. Additionally, students will take three written quizzes (100 points) over the primary source reading assignments. Finally, students will take weekly reading quizzes (10 points each) either in class or online as assigned by the professor.

Because this is a **PSU Pathway course at the Benchmark level**, you will need to be able to **describe** the content you have learned in this course.

All grades are entered in the Canvas gradebook and are weighted according to the following percentages:

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COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENTS
Late work is not accepted for credit in this course. **No exceptions!** Students must complete all assignments by the due date. If a student must miss an exam or in-class quiz due to an official university activity or documented personal emergency, a request for a makeup must be submitted by e-mail **in advance** of the absence unless prior notification is not possible due to the nature of the emergency. Any makeup request requires documentation and incomplete requests will not be considered. Makeup opportunities are granted at the sole discretion of the professor.

GRADING POLICY
The grade you earn for this course will be determined based on the following distribution:

| “Superior work of high competency” | A | 4.0 | 90-100% |
| “Good work of better than satisfactory competency” | B | 3.0 | 80-89% |
| “Work of satisfactory competency” | C | 2.0 | 70-79% |
| “Work of unsatisfactory competency” | D | 1.0 | 60-69% |
| “Unacceptable work” | F | 0.0 | ≤ 59% |

DISCUSSION SESSIONS
On most Fridays throughout the semester, we will have a class discussion instead of the lecture format. On one level, discussions provide students with an alternative to lectures, where learning is passive. Most importantly, they allow us to actually engage with readings and ideas from class. You should feel free to ask questions, pursue matters not covered in class, debate with one another, and explore broad issues together.

The discussion sessions will focus on primary sources. Historians deal with two types of sources: primary and secondary sources. Secondary sources, like your textbook, offer a narrative of the past from the perspective of someone who has studied a particular era, idea, concept, or person.
Primary sources are documents or physical objects written or created during the time under study. Because they come from a particular time, they offer a firsthand perspective of a particular event.

During the semester, you will take three 10-minute primary source quizzes that will ask you to summarize and analyze an excerpt from a particular primary source and the put the source in historical context. The point of these quizzes is to ensure that students do the reading, reward them for doing the work, assess their understanding of sources, and provide another means of assessment beyond examinations. Because this is a **PSU Pathway course at the Benchmark level**, you will need to be able to **describe** content you have learned in the source. These are major assignments, so take them seriously!

**THE SHARED READING**

Our class is an important part of the PSU Pathway. To gain a better understanding of the diverse people who have made American history, we will read a book together as a class: *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup. Northup’s memoir recalls his harrowing experience as a free man of color sold into slavery.

Please see the schedule for the appropriate time to begin reading this book and for the date of the multiple-choice reading exam on this book.

> “I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one subject at a time.”
>  
> --Charles Dickens

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students must attend class regularly and punctually. It is the student’s obligation to take notes on lectures; I do not distribute written copies of lectures. Much of the information presented in class, which will form part of the material that will be tested on exams and quizzes, cannot be found in the textbook. In addition, students will not gain any credit for any group work or presentations if they do not attend class sessions.

The professor will take attendance each day in this class, and your attendance will be noted. The professor reserves the right to drop any student who is absent for 6 or more class days, as determined by attendance records. Students who are habitually late to class will also be dropped from the course.

**PERSONAL ELECTRONICS POLICY**

Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices in class without express permission from the professor. Students may use laptops, but only for note taking. Violators run the risk of being asked to leave class. Use of electronic devices in class for any reason other than academic purposes will result in the student being charged with an absence for the day.

**CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS POLICY**

In this class, students will be asked on a regular basis to participate in activities, such as engaging in group work, using the board, testing without personal properties in close proximity, or performing short skits or role-playing scenarios. These activities may require students to either be separated from their bags or be prepared to keep their bags with them at all times during such activities. Students are encouraged to read the online weapons policy.
(http://pittstate.edu/dotAsset/ca5f2c95-67c7-426d-8da9-b42f5d00a936.pdf) to ensure they understand the requirements related to concealed carry.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**
The instructor strictly follows Pittsburg State University’s Academic Integrity policy. Please see the syllabus supplement for the full policy.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**
Any student who requires a learning accommodation should consult with the instructor and the Center for Student Accommodations at the beginning of the semester. Please see the syllabus supplement for more information.

**SYLLABUS SUPPLEMENT**
Please consult the university’s Syllabus Supplement for additional information on standard university policies that apply to this course.

“History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future.”

--Robert Penn Warren

**TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE**
The professor may modify this schedule, but will do so only if necessary and will give notification as soon as possible.

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“Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

--Satchel Paige