

Course Code & No. – Section: HIST 205

Course Title (Credits): Nevada Constitution (1)

Term & Year: Fall / 2015

Course Ref. No. (CRN): 80046

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F 9:00-10:00; 1:00-5:00

Class Meeting Times: Saturday, October 17, 2015: 9:00-5:00

Location: TCES 106

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Course Description

This course provides a thorough examination of the historical, constitutional and social dimensions of the Nevada Constitution.

Student Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic grasp of the chronological dimensions of Nevada history;
2. Develop a personal approach to Nevada history and apply that approach consistently and systematically;
3. Understand basic constitutional dynamics.

Methods of Assessing Student Outcomes

Student outcomes will be assessed using the following:

1. Classroom participation;
2. A final examination.

Instructional Strategies

This course will be a combination of lecture and discussion based upon close reading of the text.

Required Text

The Sagebrush State, Fourth Edition, Michael W. Bowers, University of Nevada Press, 2013, ISBN: 978-0-87417-923-1

Attendance

Attendance in so concentrated a course is mandatory.

Class Requirements

Food and drink will not be permitted in this class.

Once class begins, all members of the class will be expected to remain for the duration of the class.

Tardiness is a royal pain and may result in bizarre consequences.

We will be using our text frequently in class; therefore, please bring it to each meeting.

The Honor Code

The faculty of SNC believes students must be held to high standards of integrity in all aspects of college life in order to promote the educational mission of the College and to encourage respect for the rights of others. Each student brings to the SNC community unique skills, talents, values and experiences which, when expressed within the community, contribute to the quality of the educational environment and the growth and development of the individual. Students share with members of the faculty, administration and staff the responsibility for creating and maintaining an environment conducive to learning and personal development, where actions are guided by mutual respect, integrity, responsibility and trust. The faculty and students alike must make diligent efforts to ensure high standards are upheld by their colleagues and peers as well as themselves. Therefore faculty and students accept responsibility for maintaining these standards at Sierra Nevada College and are obligated to comply with its regulations and procedures, which they are expected to read and understand.

Consequences for Violating the Faculty/Student Honor Code:

SNC students and faculty share the responsibility for maintaining an environment of academic honesty. Thus, all are responsible for knowing and abiding by the SNC Faculty/Student Honor Code published in the current SNC Catalog. Faculty are responsible for presenting the honor code and consequences for violating it to students at the start of their classes AND for reporting all incidences of academic dishonesty to the Provost. Students are responsible for knowing what constitutes CHEATING, PLAGIARISM, and FABRICATION and refraining from these and other forms of academic dishonesty. Violations of the honor code become part of a student's academic record. SNC's Disciplinary Sanctions for Honor Code Violations:

1st Offense: Student receives a zero for assignment/exam and counseling with faculty on the honor code, consequences for violating the honor code, and the value of academic honesty in learning.

2nd Offense: Student fails course and receives counseling with faculty on the honor code, consequences for violating the honor code, and the value of academic honesty in learning.

3rd Offense: Student is expelled.

Grading Policy

Grading will be based upon the classroom discussion and the examination.

Academic Accommodations

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, students with a documented disability are eligible for support services and accommodations. If a student wishes to request an accommodation, please contact the Director of Academic Support Services, Henry Conover, at (775) 831-1314 x7534, hconover@sierranevada.edu or go to the OASIS offices on the third floor of Prim Library within the first week of the semester.

Class Schedule

NOTE: All of Bower, *The Sagebrush State*, must be read before the class begins.

- 9:00-10:15: Nevada Deconstructed: The Historical Context
- 10:30-12:00: The Specifics of History—Nevada, a Most Peculiar State
- 12:00-1:00: Lunch
- 1:00-2:15: Constitutional Precedents
- 2:30-4:00: The Nevada Constitution
- 4:00-5:00: Final Examination

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The Core Themes:

**Liberal Arts
Entrepreneurial Thinking**

**Professional Preparedness
Sustainability**