History 111 – United States History I

Section # 11666 & #11712
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Dear Student,

Welcome to HIST 111, United States History I. This is a 100% online course that DOES NOT include any in-class, face-to-face meetings for the entire semester. Since we do not have any meetings, be sure to check the announcements section regularly within the BlackBoard site for all test or assignment dates, changes, etc. The BlackBoard site for this course will not be available until the first day of instruction for the Fall semester, which is August 25, 2014.

Student Success & Course Materials

In order to succeed in this virtual classroom, you must have regular access to the internet in order to collect and complete assignments. If you do experience problems accessing a computer at home, remember that you can use computers in the school library or computer lab, or even at a local library.

The required text is available at the bookstore and can also be found online. American History: An Overview to 1877 will provide an in-depth look at this era of U.S. history and will be used for several assignments over the course of the semester. There will be assignments due during the first week of class so be sure you purchase this textbook before the semester begins:

Course Readings

Grading

Since this is a 100% online course and we do not have any class meetings, you are required to “attend” by logging into the Blackboard site and completing assignments as they are due in order to stay enrolled in the course. Please note that this is not a self-paced course and assignments must be completed by their due date. As we move through the material and assignments, you WILL NOT be able to go back and complete old assignments, so be sure that all online work is completed by the posted due dates.
**Getting Started**

The vast majority of this class will be completed using Blackboard. If you have never taken an online class at College of the Canyons, be sure to follow this link to complete the Blackboard orientation:


If you are in need of other online resources you can visit the Distance Learning Homepage as well:

http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distancelearning/Pages//default.aspx

**To log into this course, you must follow this link:**

https://bb9.canyons.edu/webapps/login/

**Technical Requirements**

This course is offered using Blackboard 9 through the College of the Canyons website, so you must have internet access. You also are required to maintain and regularly check your canyons email account for the duration of the semester. If you do not access your email and check the Blackboard course site, you will not receive any emails regarding test dates, assignments, etc.

In regards to your web browser, there are some known compatibility issues with newer versions of Internet Explorer, especially when completing multiple choice exams. To avoid any problems, I recommend using Firefox as your browser which can be downloaded for free here: http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/fx/

I hope this is a great semester for you and I look forward to “seeing” you in class!

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