

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: California History: HIST 167

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Catalog Course Description:

This course provides an overview of California from the first aboriginal inhabitants to modern times. Cultural, social, political, and economic development will be addressed in the context of history. The development of contemporary institutions and the historical context of current issues will be addressed. This course is suitable for students seeking further understanding of California's past and present, and those preparing for a career in teaching at the elementary level. It also satisfies a course requirement for the History for Transfer (AA-T) degree.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Given a specific historical topic, students will accurately identify and explain the historical facts of a specific historical period or topic.
2. Given a specific historical topic, students will analyze the causes and consequences of significant historical events/terms as specified by the instructor.
3. Given a primary or secondary source, students will accurately identify the source and then analyze and interpret its content and significance to explain what the source reveals about the historical period in which it was written.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the historical significance of the topic.
5. Students will describe, compare, and evaluate historical interpretations (secondary sources) of the period studied, judging them for their relative quality, accuracy, and persuasiveness.
6. Students will support generalizations with concrete historical evidence and draw relevant conclusions in a written or oral assignment.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

- Students will receive tri-weekly announcements and notifications reminding as well as providing information to them about upcoming and relevant assignments and materials. This regular communication is provided Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week of the term.
- Students will receive instructor feedback and comments on major assignment during the course of the term.
- Students can contact the instructor at any point during the term via email at emadrigal@riohondo.edu. The instructor will return email messages with a response within 24 hours.
- Students can contact the instructor at any point during the term via telephone (ext. 7447). The instructor will return email messages with a response within 72 hours.
- Students can come to the stated office hours (announced at the beginning of each term) for the instructor. The instructor is available during these times unless otherwise posted or announced.

Course Description:

This course will provide a detailed overview of California's illustrious, tenuous, and complex history from various cultural, social, and political perspectives. The course will examine California's early landscapes, to its earliest inhabitants, to Euro and Euro American contact, to the 19th century population boom, through the social tensions of the 20th century. This course aims to exemplify California's distinct diversity and important history in American and global contexts.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the main historical issues during these years
- Form educated and analytical opinions based on reading materials and lecture
- Synthesize historical information from a broad range of thematic subject matter
- Exhibit historical knowledge via writing skills and other course assessments
- Communicate with peers about historical topics based on primary and secondary sources

This course is 100% online.

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.