Department of History  
(Option B) History of the United States Challenge Examination Information for Credit  
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The Department of History at CSUDH administers a comprehensive online examination in United States History for all students. Exam Option B is designed for students who want units towards graduation, and desire certification for meeting the university graduation requirement in American History established by Title 5, Section 40404.

The Department of History administers Exam Option B in American history during the first two weeks of classes of each semester. No graduate student may receive credit by examination in a course used to satisfy the requirements for the masters’s degree. This instruction sheet describes the date of the exam, the nature of the exam, procedures by which it is administered, and how to prepare for it.

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Requirements:
1. Students choosing this option must enroll in a concurrent section of HIS 101 at CSUDH.
2. Students must complete the form "Petition for Credit by Examination" available in the Office of Admissions and Records and submit it to the exam coordinator by the first week of classes. The coordinator will verify the student’s eligibility for credit by examination, approve, or deny the petition, and notify the student.
3. Students may choose to be graded on either a CR/NC basis or regular letter grade basis (see below).
4. Students who pass the exam will cease attendance in HIS 101 class, but their names will remain on the class roster and they will receive the exam grade for the course grade at the end of the semester. No exceptions will be made.
5. Students who fail the exam may not repeat the exam and must complete the HIS 101 course to meet the State requirement.

Exam Format:
1. To be eligible to take the exam, students must produce proof of registration at California State University Dominguez Hills, and provide their student identification numbers. At the time the exam is administered, students will be required to provide their CSUDH email to be added to the online exam.
2. The exam is administered on the Friday of the second week of Fall and Spring semesters. During the summer, the exam will be held during the first week of the first session.
3. Beginning in January 2007, the United States Challenge Exam is administered exclusively online through BLACKBOARD ORGANIZATIONS.
4. The exam questions will cover the entire scope of United States history from 1500 c.e. to the present. The exam itself consists of 100 multiple-choice questions and students will have two hours to complete it.
5. Although exams do not shut down when the time limit is reached, the assessment tracks how long you continued to work after the deadline. An exclamation point also appears in the gradebook if you exceeded the time limit allowed for an exam and you will be disqualified.

6. The exam will be scored and the results posted online immediately. For all students choosing CR/NC under Option B, the minimum passing score is 73%.

7. For all students seeking a letter grade, the following scale is used: Use the following course grade scale to obtain a letter grade: 94-101% = A, 90-93% = A-, 87-89% = B+, 83-86% = B, 80-82% = B-, 77-79% = C+, 73-76% = C, 70-72% = C-, 67-69% = D, 60-66% = D-, 1-59 = F.

Preparation:
Most standard college-level United States history textbooks published in the past five years will be useful for exam preparation. A recommended text is James A Henretta, David Brody, Lynn Dumenil, America: A Concise History, Bedford/St.Martin’s Press.

Questions/Problems:
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Tips for Completing United States History Online Exam
Please read the following directions BEFORE completing the online exam:

- Once the exam is started, you will be unable to exit the exam until the SUBMIT button is clicked. Students are held to the CSUDH standards of Academic Integrity. Cheating of any kind will not be permitted and will result in your forfeiture of the exam. Students who continue beyond the two hours allotted for the exam will be disqualified. **Exams do not shut down when the time limit is reached, but the assessment tracks how long you worked after the deadline. An exclamation point also appears in the grade book if you exceeded the time limit allowed for an exam and you will be disqualified.**

- If you are disconnected, do NOT close your browser. Re-establish your internet connection, click you browser’s BACK button so your test copy is visible and click SUBMIT.

- Do NOT attempt to take the test through AOL. You may be allowed into the exam but will experience problems when trying to submit it.

- Do Not Open the Test until you are ready to take it, as online tests are set to only allow you to access the test once. Find a time to take the test in which you will be free from interruptions. Let friends and family know you will be occupied. TIP: If your computer and telephone share the same telephone line, unplug your telephone while taking the exam.

- Do Not Use the Back button on your browser once you have started the exam. Instead, use the scroll bar to move back to check earlier questions. Do not close the window of the test for any reason.

- When you are satisfied with the result make sure you finish by clicking the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the screen. Click the Submit Button ONLY ONCE! After you submit the test answers, you will receive a score **unless you have exceeded the time limit for the exam.**

- If you finish the test and submit and receive an error message, contact me immediately (310)408-3048 cell or email kfawver@csudh.edu