

Dr. Christian  
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FT. Bend

HISTORY 3394  
READINGS IN TEXAS HISTORY

TEXT: "A Brief History of Texas" by Garna Christian, available in campus bookstore and UHD copy center; Willett and Curley (eds.), *Invisible Texans: Women and Minorities in Texas History*, McGraw-Hill.

EXAMS: There will be a midterm and final exam, each based on assigned reading and discussion material, essay in nature, which will count 20% each of semester grade.

QUIZZES: There will be daily written quizzes, approximately twenty minutes allotted, at the beginning of each period based on the new assignment. This will be followed by class discussion. Accumulatively, quizzes count 40% of semester grade. There are no makeups. Students are expected to take all quizzes, with extremely few excused absences or late arrivals.

RESEARCH PAPER: A research paper of a minimum of fifteen typed, double spaced, pages, including end notes and bibliography, of no larger than twelve point font is due on the last class meeting before the final exam. It must be an original subject, based on primary sources. The topic must be approved by Dr. Christian in advance. The paper will be graded on form as well as content and should be error free and neat. It counts 20% of semester grade.

NATURE OF COURSE: This is a reading, writing, and discussion course, not a lecture course. Students are expected to demonstrate the needed skills on a daily basis. Regular attendance and punctuality are imperative. Students whose schedules will require them to excessively miss classes, arrive late, or leave early should not take this course, as these deficiencies will be reflected in the grade. Quizzes will not be counted for unexcused early departures, nor will explaining an early departure necessarily excuse it. Students are free to express their opinions in a scholarly manner, but attacks on the opinions of others are not tolerated. Students are expected to notify Dr. Christian in advance on absences, or soon afterward on emergencies.

CONVERSION OF LETTER GRADES: A=4; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1; D-=0.67.

CONSULTATIONS: Dr. Christian has office hours at UHD on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He has a few minutes to discuss with students before and after class but should be contacted by telephone (713) 221 8419 or preferably by e-mail at [ChristianG@uhd.edu](mailto:ChristianG@uhd.edu) for lengthier matters.

HISTORY 3312 (3-3-0) COURSE DESCRIPTION: *Prerequisite: 6 hours in history, junior standing, or consent of instructor.* An interpretative study of significant social, cultural, political and economic issues in Spanish and Mexican Texas, the Republic and statehood.

*UHD adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with disabilities should register with Disabled Student Services and contact the professor in a timely manner (preferably before the first test) to arrange for appropriate accommodations.*

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR HISTORY 3312

The successful student will leave this course with a good understanding of:

The role of minorities and women in shaping Texas.

The impact of slavery on the development of Texas and the seeds of future conflict and problems.

Cause and effects of civil rights movements in Texas.

Changing historical interpretations and influential historians.

Research and writing from original sources.