

History of Washington County, Utah, ICL Fall 2025 Class Syllabus

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Classroom: Udvar Hazy Building, Room 121

Subject: History of Washington County

Textbook: A History of Washington County; From Isolation to Destination (Utah Centennial History Series, 2007 ed.), available at UTU Campus Store or online at <https://campusstore.utahtech.edu>

Course Description: This class will provide an overview of Washington County's history including The Land and Its Early Inhabitants, Settlement, Sinking Roots, Stability and Isolation, Stories and Reflections, Cultural Life, Water, End of Isolation, 1930-1960, Americanization Escalates, The New Pioneers, Modernization, The Debate over the Future of Washington County, Growth Expectations Fulfilled, 1996-2006, and the history of Washington County from 2006 to 2016.

Course Schedule:

Wednesdays, 11 to 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, **Field trip to Mountain Meadows Massacre. There will be no in-class lecture at UTU on this date. The first class is a field trip to the Mountain Meadows Massacre site on Wednesday, Sept. 10.** Meet at 10 a.m. on the far east side of the Udvar Hazy building parking lot, where Loren will take attendance and give you the course syllabus, along with directions to the Dan Sill Hill site. Bring water and snacks. Carpooling is strongly recommended. The group will travel north on SR 18 about 32 miles to the MMM Dan Sill Hill site, where Loren will lecture for about 45 minutes at the monument, then the group will then leave the Dan Sill Hill parking lot and turn right (south) onto a gravel road and travel one mile in a southwesterly direction to a second monument site (the 1999 LDS Monument) at Magotsu Creek for a short 15-minute presentation. If time, we will also walk on a loop trail to a 2014 Siege monument or "Monument to the 10". Participants, on their own, are also welcome to travel one mile north of the 1990 monument to the 2011 Mens and Boys Monument and the 2014 Women, Children and Wounded Monument on SR 18.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, Introduction, Chapter 1 and 2, pp. xv to p. 48.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, Chapter 3, p. 49-70.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, Chapter 4, p. 71-122.

Wednesday, Oct. 8, Chapter 5, p. 123-153

Wednesday, Oct. 15, Chapter 6, p. 154-170

Wednesday, Oct. 22, Chapter 7, p. 171-200

Wednesday, Oct. 29, Chapter 8, p. 201-248

Wednesday, Nov. 5, Chapter 9, p. 249-282

Wednesday, Nov. 12, Chapter 10, P. 283-323.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, Chapter 11, p. 324-349

Wednesday, Nov. 26, **Thanksgiving break, No classes.**

Wednesday, Dec. 3, Chapter 12 and 13, p. 350-407 and (Lecture and discussion on a paper by historian Douglas Alder on: "History of Washington County, 2006-2016.")