

# Nevada History: A Story of Civic Engagement Syllabus

**Tuesdays 12:45 to 2:15 PM Spring 2026**

**Virtual via Zoom**

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## Course Description

**We will examine Nevada history from the perspective of civic engagement. Topics will include how Nevada became a state, how Nevada’s state and local government functions, and what voters will see on their ballot in the 2026 election.**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Week 1 / 2/3/2026	Week 1 Welcome to Nevada History
Week 2 / 2/10/2026	Week 2 Indigenous Nevada
Week 3 / 2/17/2026	Week 3 Territorial Nevada & the Gold Rush
Week 4 / 2/24/2026	Week 4 Statehood & the Civil War
Week 5 / 3/3/2026	Week 5 Nevada’s Constitution & Government
Week 6 / 3/10/2026	Week 6 Dillon’s Rule & Local Government
Week 7 / 3/24/2026	Week 7 Elections: State Discretion
Week 8 / 3/31/2026	Week 8 Your ballot: Federal & State Races
Week 9 / 4/7/2026	Week 9 Your ballot: Local Races
Week 10 / 4/14/2026	Week 10 Your ballot: Ballot Questions

**\*Content/order/classes/speakers subject to change if necessary.**