Course Description

This course examines the major themes of American History since 1890, the multicultural nature of contemporary American civilization, and the nation’s role in the global arena.

Methods and Objectives

History is about change. Historians tell the story of the past, how events unfold and how change leads to change. Their first task is to observe specific events, but their ultimate job, especially when surveying American History, is to discover general patterns and processes that help them understand and explain those events and the changes they bring. This course is designed to help the student see those patterns. It is a compelling story.

There are many objectives for studying history. Its practice requires reading, writing, and argument – skills that are essential for success in virtually any profession. It also acquaints students with geographic features and place names that remain relevant in today’s world. But perhaps the overarching reason for studying history is this: studying the past helps us understand the present. The present is simply the current moment of that process we call “history.”

Policies

Grades

Grades for the course will be determined by five graded items: an essay to be submitted to turnitin.com no later than midnight, Oct. 2 and four exams (I, II, III and IV). The exams (See course calendar and bring a no. 2 pencil to class.) will contain about 35 to 50 multiple choice or other short answer questions. These exams are not cumulative.

Course grades will reflect the following values: A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C= 70-79 D= 60-69, F= under 60. All other grades will be expressed as a numerical value.
The essay will be written on a topic chosen by the student from several options that will be announced in class and posted at turnitin.com. It should be submitted electronically to turnitin.com no later than midnight, Oct. 2. Additionally, a hard copy must be submitted in class either on Oct. 2 or Oct. 4. Late submissions will be subject to a grade of zero If either the hard copy submitted in class or the electronic copy submitted to turnitin.com is late, the essay will be deemed late and will be subject to a grade of zero. (These deadlines are on the Course Calendar). Students are expected not to plagiarize; work that is plagiarized will draw a grade of zero. (See section below for explanation of cheating and plagiarism.) The essay should demonstrate not only the student’s command of the subject, but also his or her ability to make a written argument that is clear and coherent. The essay must conform to all requirements as specified on turnitin.com and in class announcements. Failure to write an essay that conforms to all requirements and/or is not submitted on time (either the electronic or the hard copy) will be subject to a grade of zero. During exams all materials other than scantron and question sheet must be placed under desks, not in aisles. No electronic devices may be used during an exam.

Missed Exams
No make-up exams will be given. However, the course grade will be calculated by dropping the lowest grade of the five graded items and averaging the remaining four. Thus students are protected from the eventuality of being unable to attend class on one of the four test days.

Maps
The text contains a number of maps (see Map Index on pages x and xi). As geographic knowledge is crucial to understanding history, each exam may contain questions that will test students’ understanding of the relationship of History and geography.

Extra Credit
In class students are urged to ask questions and to share their thoughts about material presented in the text and in lectures. At the end of the term, students who regularly make particularly insightful contributions to class discussion will be awarded bonus points which will be added to their numerical grade average. Usually one to four points will be awarded to students who excel in class participation, although on rare occasion students have earned up to five points. In order to keep class on schedule, the instructor may from to time to time limit students’ remarks, however. No other extra credit will be awarded.
Attendance
Regular Class attendance is mandatory. No absences will be excused. However, a student’s first two absences will not be penalized; each additional absence will draw a half-letter grade penalty. Students who are not in class when roll is taken or whose absence is otherwise documented will be counted absent.

Georgia View Vista
The instructor will post grades for one of the five graded items on Georgia View Vista before the last day to withdraw without academic penalty ( Oct.12 ). All grades except the course grade will be posted on Georgia View Vista. (Course grade may be accessed online.)

Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty
October 12 is the last day a student may withdraw without academic penalty. Students should officially withdraw at the registrar’s office. The Instructor will have posted the grade for Exam I prior to October 12.

Consultation with Instructor
The Instructor can be contacted through the History Department (770) 423-6294 or by using the email on Georgia View Vista. All grades except the course grade will be posted on Georgia View Vista (Students may access their course grade online). Instructor will also be available for consultation in the Part Time Faculty Office on the fourth floor of the Social Science Classroom Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30am and 10:45am. Students may also see the instructor by appointment.

Instructor will not respond to emails asking for information that can be found in this syllabus. Students are urged to acquaint themselves with at least one other class member with whom they can share class notes and other pertinent information.

Plagiarism and Cheating
No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devises during an exam, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor.
The Americans With Disabilities Act
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-306, gives civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government and telecommunications.

Should you require assistance or have further questions about ADA, please contact Ms. Carol Pope, ADA Compliance officer for Students at 770-423-6443.

Calendar (subject to change if necessary)

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Dec. 4  Chapter (Catch up and review)

Exam IV

8:00AM  Dec. 6
11:00AM  Dec. 6

Note: From time to time we may move ahead or fall behind. However, except for an unscheduled closing of the University or an unavoidable absence of the instructor, no exam dates will be changed. Nevertheless, no exam will cover material that will not have been covered in class.