
Course Objectives: Upon completion of the course, successful students will gain an appreciation for and demonstrate knowledge of American history since 1890.

Course Requirements:
→ All assigned readings are to be completed before class; each student must have a textbook. 20% of the quiz questions will come straight from the textbook.
→ Please bring your textbook and pen and paper to class each week.

Methodology:
→ This course will be taught as an amalgam of different styles including lecture, discussion, student involvement, and video/DVD presentation.

Contact Information:
→ Please contact me at Rmannion@kennesaw.edu or come see me during break or after class. I normally respond to all e-mails within 24 hours.

Attendance Policy:
→ Past experience strongly suggests the correlation between regular class attendance and higher grades. Please remember that one Saturday class is equivalent to one week of classes. Please do all possible to attend classes. Attendance will be taken periodically. You will greatly enhance your chances of doing well this semester by coming to class.

→ Please be on time for each class. Quizzes and tests will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. You will have 25 minutes to take the quizzes. You will not be allowed extra time to take a quiz or a test if you come in late.

Classroom Protocol:
→ Please turn off your cell phones in class. Earphones and any electronic equipment of any type are prohibited in class. If you must use a recorder, laptop or any electronic device for note-taking in class, please contact me.

→ Please do not talk while the instructor or a fellow student is speaking. We will have one break of about 10 minutes midway through each class. Please do not move around the class once the lecture has started. If you come in late, use the designated door to enter the classroom.

→ The Power Point notes are merely talking points for class discussion. I do not e-mail these notes for any reason. Basic class notes will be available on Georgia VIEW Vista.

→ Please, no children in class.
Grading:
→ Your final grade will be based on:

1. The average of your four highest quiz scores (out of 6). (50%)

2. Your midterm exam. (25%)

3. Your final exam. (25%)

4. An optional research project will be assigned during the semester that will allow you to earn extra credit toward your final grade. Successful completion of this project can earn you up to a maximum of 1 point toward your final course grade. This project is optional and will provide an opportunity for a borderline grade to be rounded up.

5. I will periodically post in-class, extra credit questions on the board at the end of some of our classes. Answers will only be accepted if you are in class the day the question is posted. Each correctly answered question will earn you 2 quiz points and will be added to your total quiz points at the end of the semester. There will be a total of 5 questions over the course of the semester which will allow you to earn up to a total of 10 extra-credit quiz points. The questions will be posted on the board at the end of class and will not be e-mailed for any reason. To earn the 2 quiz points you must get the answer correct on your first attempt, you must send the e-mail from your KSU e-mail account to my KSU e-mail account, and I must have the answer by 12:00 midnight on the same day the question is posted. No points for partially correct answers, no points for late answers, and no points for sending your answer to/from the wrong e-mail address. E-mails sent to Georgia View Vista will not count.

6. Students are required to attend quizzes and examinations. No absence from any scheduled exam or quiz will be excused except on the authority of a medical doctor in the form of a written excuse in case of an illness or injury. Without this authority, the student will receive a 0 on the appropriate quiz/examination.

7. With a medical excuse, retakes will be formatted differently from the original. All make-ups must be taken within one week of the original and it is up to you to contact me if you need to take a makeup. Since we already drop your two lowest quiz grades, you are only allowed a maximum of one makeup per semester.

8. Your lowest 2 quiz grades are dropped in anticipation of any tardiness, special events, or emergencies that may arise. These include weddings, funerals, religious holidays, special events, family reunions, family illness, weather, work-related events; any activity of any type that precludes you from being in class on a particular day. Please do not abuse this generous policy or take it as license to miss a quiz when you would otherwise be able to participate.

9. All quizzes carry equal weight. The first quiz is as important as the last quiz.

Grading Scale:

90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
70 – 79 = C
$60 - 69 = D$
$0 - 59 = F$

**Academic Integrity Statement:**
→ Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate catalogs.

**General Observations:**
→ Questions are good generators of discussion. Please do not hesitate to ask questions.

→ Do not miss a point or fail to understand a question because you are not familiar with a word. Always ask a question if you are not familiar with the definition of a particular word.

→ Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form and will result in a 0 for the appropriate assignment and a referral to the appropriate dean.

→ The last day to withdraw without academic penalty is October 12, 2012. Should the student decide to withdraw from the class, it is up to that student to initiate the process in conjunction with the Registrar’s office. If you do not complete the course requirements and fail to withdraw officially by October 12, 2012, your course grade will be an “F”. Please consult with KSU policy and procedure if you consider withdrawing from this class.

→ If you feel uncomfortable asking a question during class, please see me during our break or after class. Do not leave a class if you are confused or don’t understand something. I am always available to meet with you after class. Also, please feel free to e-mail me anytime you have a question. I normally respond within 24 hours. Please keep in mind that I can only respond to you when I receive an e-mail from your K.S.U. e-mail address.

**Class Schedule:**

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| Aug 18  | Introduction
Reconstruction Review                  | Chapter 18                |
| Aug 25  | The South and the West Transformed
Big Business and Organized Labor           | Chapters 19 and 20        |
| Sep 1   | Labor Day – No Class                       |                           |
| Sep 8   | Quiz # 1 (Chapters 18-20)
Urban America and the Gilded Age            | Chapters 21 and 22        |
| Sep 15  | Agrarian Revolt and Populism
American Empire                               | Chapter 22, Chapters 23   |
| Sep 22  | Quiz # 2 (Chapters 21-23)
The Progressive Era                           | Chapter 24                |
Sep 29
America and World War I
Chapters 25
The Modern Temper – Roaring 20s
Chapter 26
Republican Emergence and Decline
Stock Market Crash and the Great Depression
Chapter 27

Oct 6
Quiz # 3 (Chapters 24-27)
The New Deal
Midterm Exam Review
Chapter 28

Oct 13
Midterm Exam (Chapter 18 – 28)

Oct 20
From Isolation to Global War
World War II
Chapter 29
Chapter 30

Oct 27
The Fair Deal and Containment
Society and Culture
Chapter 31
Chapter 32

Nov 3
Quiz # 4 (Chapters 29-32)
Conflict and Deadlock: The Eisenhower Years
Chapter 33

Nov 10
1960 and the New Frontier: The Kennedy Years; Civil Rights
Johnson and the Domestic Agenda
Chapter 34

Nov 17
Quiz # 5 (Chapters 33-34)
Johnson, Nixon and Vietnam
Chapters 34 and 35

Nov 24
Thanksgiving – No Class

Dec 1
Quiz # 6 (Chapters 34-35)
The Nixon Years and Watergate
The 1970s and Transition
Chapter 35
Final Exam Review

Dec 8
Final Exam (Chapters 29 – 35)
8 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.