HIST 2112/Sec.20
America since 1890
Semester: Fall 2014
Location: Social Studies Building, room 2034
Time: Tues./Thurs. 12:30-1:45

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Course Description:

The primary goal of this course is for students to gain an appreciation of the major themes of American history since 1865, the multicultural nature of contemporary U.S. civilization, and the nation’s role in the global arena. To fully realize this objective, students need to be active participants in class. Class lectures and discussions, based on required readings, are often the focal points for moments of insight and clarity.

Learning Objectives:

**Goal 1:** Students will examine the major historical events that have occurred between the end of the Civil War and contemporary times.

**Goal 2:** Students will be able to identify the key individuals that have impacted history between 1865 and the current administration.

**Goal 3:** An enumeration of the most important historical dates will be undertaken by students. These dates will include Supreme Court cases, constitutional Amendments and other significant dates related to World Wars and other conflicts.

**Goal 4:** Students will demonstrate connections between historical events over time. Thus, the Civil War will be connected to later events and people in subsequent American history.

**Goal 5:** Students will assess events in their lives with historical events to better appreciate the continuum of history.

To successfully complete the course, students must keep up with all chapter readings, on line notes provided and lectures offered.
Textbooks and Materials


Skills and Other Things You Need

HIST 2112 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the US Perspectives learning outcome. The learning outcome states: Students identify the historical, political, social, or institutional developments of the United States. For more information about KSU’s General Education program requirements and associated learning outcomes, please visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=10&poid=704

Attendance Policy:

Class Participation: Attendance will be taken daily. Students should make a strong, good-faith effort to attend every class. Frequent absences (more than 2) and/or consistent tardiness (three tardies equal one absence) will adversely affect your grade. Medical notes and other valid excuses will be required for an absence to be considered excused.

Once they sign-in, students are expected to remain in class for the full session. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all attendance points. Obviously, sign in only on your card. Signing in for another classmate is unacceptable. Any violation of the attendance or signing in policy or any other infractions, such as cheating on exams, may result in an Academic Misconduct Incident Report being filed with the KSU Dept. of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

Please tell Dr. Slomovitz when you need to leave class early. This portion of your grade is worth 10 points equaling 10% of your total grade.

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

Electronic Devices Policy:

**Pedagogical and anecdotal evidence have suggested the negative impact of laptops. Therefore, permission will be given to the use of laptops on a case by case basis.**
Course Assessments/Assignments:

August 19th-Overview of course:
First test period covers from the end of the Civil War through the year 1900. Specific study topics as well as lecture-videos will also be resourced on D2L prior to exams.
First test-Thursday, September 18th (Sept.25th no class-video lecture)

Second test period covers the Progressive era, the Depression and concludes with World War II. Specific study topics and videos will be available on D2L.
Second test-Thursday, October 30th

Final exam covers the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, 9/11 and contemporary issues.
Specific study topics will be reviewed in class and available on D2L.
Last day of classes is Thursday, December 4th
Final is December 9th at 1pm

Grading:

Grade Calculations

There will be three tests throughout the semester. Each will be worth 30 points. Make-ups will be permitted under exceptional circumstances, such as illnesses and family emergencies. If you are unable to take a scheduled test, please notify me as soon as possible.

Grading Scale

A - (90-100)
B - (80-89)
C - (70-79)
D - (60-69)
F - (59 and below)

I—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair’s office.

Final grade totals: Three tests equal 90 points and attendance 10 points, total 100.
Each exam includes multiple-choice questions and essays. Concerns about lower grades and loss of Scholarships should be addressed with Dr. Slomovitz throughout the semester.
**Last moment grade-change requests, i.e., during finals, will not be accepted for reasons of fairness.
**Academic Honesty:**
The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of high standards of academic integrity is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it.

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 devices during an examination, 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 the 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(s).

Students suspected of violating the KSU statement of Academic Honesty will meet with the instructor to discuss the violation AND will be reported to the Department of Student Conduct according to the process outlined at the following link: https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures

**ADA Compliance:**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact: Ms. NastassiaSanabria, ADA Compliance Officer for Students470-578-6443.

**Course Schedule:**

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