HIST 2112
US History Since 1877
Semester: Fall 2015
Location: Social Studies bldg. room 1021
Meeting Time: Mon./Wed. 2:00-3:15

Instructor: Dr. Albert I. Slomovitz
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If you have questions regarding your academic standing in class, please contact me and we will arrange a time to meet during office hours to discuss all concerns.

Electronic Communications. The University provides all KSU students with an “official” email account with the address “students.kennesaw.edu.” As a result of federal laws protecting educational information and other data, this is the sole email account you should use to communicate with your instructor or other University officials.

Course Description:
From Catalog at: http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=2024

Learning Objectives:

HIST 2111/HIST 2112 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the U.S. PERSPECTIVES general education learning outcome(s). The learning outcome states: Students identify the historical, political, social, or institutional developments of the United States. http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=24&poid=2668
The primary goal of this course is for students to gain an appreciation and knowledge of U.S. history for the past 150 years. 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.

Required Reading:

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

**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 17th-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.
No class Monday, Sept. 7th-Labor Day, (No class Sept. 14/23-video lessons)
First test-Monday, Sept. 28th.

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-Monday, November 2nd.

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 Monday, Dec. 7th (Nov. 23-29 Thanksgiving holiday)
Final is Wednesday Dec. 9th at 1pm

**Grading:**

**Grade Calculations**

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.**

**Grading Scale**
Students are evaluated on the following scale:
- A - (90-100 points)
- B - (80-89 points)
- C - (70-79 points)
- D - (60-69 points)
- F - (59 and below points)
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.

Makeup Exams and Late Assignments: Missing a Test or assignment requires prompt communication with the Professor. As is standard practice, notes from health-care professionals and similar type care-givers are needed when requesting to be excused from a Test or assignment. E-mail or call at the earliest possible time to arrange make-up times. No student will be penalized due to an inclement weather situation.

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

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. Section 5. C of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the university’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to university materials, misrepresentation/falsification of university records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement. See also https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-
In other classes and situations students have been referred to the SCAI office. I will cover the consequences of cheating as part of our first class.

**ADA Compliance:**

Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require “reasonable accommodation(s)” to complete the course may request those from Office of Student Disability Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Office of Student Disability Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or aking course quizzes or exams. Students may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations. Student Disability Services is located in the Carmichael Student Center in Suite 267. Please visit the Student Disabilities Services website at [www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/sds](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/sds) for more information, or call the office at 470-578-6443.

**Course Schedule:**

**Tentative Schedule of Topics:**

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