

HIST 2112
US History Since 1877
Fall 2017
Social Sciences Building, Room 2017
Meeting Time: TR 6:30 – 7:45pm

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[Course Communication/Special Circumstance] – Contact me if you would like to meet with me prior to our class, or after. I am a full-time professor at Young Harris College, which is approximately 1.5 hours from KSU . . . I'm very happy to set up meeting times, but student-initiated contact and specific appointments is the best approach. As noted above, I am more immediately accessible via the Young Harris College email address noted as “preference,” but I do periodically check on my KSU account as well.

Electronic Communications. As per university policy, please ONLY contact me with your KSU email account. “This is the sole email account you should use to communicate with your instructor or other university officials.”

Course Description:

This course examines the major themes in the social, cultural, political, and economic history of the United States since 1877, the multicultural nature of contemporary U.S. civilization, and the nation's role in the global arena.

Learning Objectives:

HIST B2112 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

Required Reading:

Brinkley, Alan. *The Unfinished Nation*, Volume II (8th edition).
ISBN: 978-1-259-28475-5

Attendance Policy:

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

** Students who have no unexcused absences will receive a **bonus four (4) points** added to their final course average. Excused absences are those that include any or all of the following – in order of preference: 1) documentation, 2) advance notice to the instructor, 3) immediate information after the absence. **

An additional bonus is that, **with perfect attendance only, any student whose numerical course average is within 1 or 2 points of the next highest letter grade will receive that higher grade.
EXAMPLE: $74 + 4 = 78\%$ / $78 + 2 = 80\%$ **

Electronic Devices Policy:

Laptops allowed
Headphones NOT allowed
Phones out of sight of the instructor
NO electronics allowed during examinations

Course Assessments/Assignments:

Four Exams (the fourth is a comprehensive final exam)

Makeup Exams and Late Assignments:

The History and Philosophy Department will proctor make-up exams for this class on **Friday, Dec 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 (SO 3023)**.

Late work (extra credit) will only be accepted PRIOR to the start of class, which is 6:30 pm. Hard copies and electronic copies are equally welcome.

Grading:

Each of the four exams is weighted equally, at 25% of the final course average.

$25\% \times 4 = 100\%$

Students are evaluated on the following scale:

A - (90 – 100)

B - (80 – 89)

C - (70 - 79)

D - (60 - 69)

F - (60 or 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.

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-conduct>.

Examples of Plagiarism Avoidance websites:

<http://plagiarism.org/>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

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 Department of Student Success Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University's Department of Student Success 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 taking 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. For more information please visit their website, sss.kennesaw.edu/sds.

Contact information is as follows:

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Course Schedule:

- (T) August 15: First Class Session
- (R) September 14: EXAM I**
- (W) October 12: Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty
- (R) October 12: EXAM II**
- (TR) Nov 21,23: FALL BREAK – KSU Closed
- (R) Nov 30: EXAM III**
- (F) Dec 1: HIST/Phil Dept Make-up Exams (1-4pm/SO 3023)
- (T) Dec 5: FINAL EXAM, 6pm to 8pm (classroom)**

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Lectures:	Lectures:	Lectures:
Southern Reconstruction and the Redemption Period	Great Depression and the New Deal	Postwar America
Imperialism and WWI	Rise of Totalitarianism; World War II	The Cold War: Foreign
		The Cold War: Domestic
		Late 20 th C. Globalism
<u>Readings: Gilded Age; Progressives; Historiographical Debates</u>	<u>Readings: 1920s; WWII Theaters; Holocaust; Historiographical Debates</u>	<u>Readings: Containment Applications; Blacklist; Conformity; Postwar Culture; the 1960s and 1970s</u>