Hist 2112
America since 1890
Spring 2014

Section 31: T/R CRN 11793) 8:00 am -9:15 am, room 2036 Social Science
Section 32: T/R (CRN11794) 11:00 am-12:15 pm, room 3030 Social Science

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Course Description:  An examination of the major themes of American History since 1890, the multicultural nature of contemporary American Civilization, and the nation’s agenda in the global arena.

Learning Objectives: Hist 2112 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the U.S. 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://catalogue.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=10&poid=704


Attendance Policy: Regular class attendance is mandatory. No absences will be excused. As it is time consuming, attendance will be taken only on randomly chosen days. However, each recorded absence in excess of two will draw a half-letter grade penalty for the course. No exception to this policy will be considered without full documentation of extraordinary and justifiable circumstances. Please note that an absence on one of the four exam days is extremely risky. (See course calendar below.)

Electronic Devices Policy: Other than word processing for taking notes during lectures, no electronic devises may be used during any class period. The only exceptions that will be considered are for handicapped persons as described below on section describing ADA.

Course Assessment/Assignments: Grades for the course will be determined by the four highest grades of five graded items: These items are an essay to be submitted to www.turnitin.com (before midnight, Feb. 20) and four exams (I, II, III, and IV). The course grade is calculated by dropping the lowest of the five grades and averaging the remaining four. The exams (See course calendar below and bring to class a no. 2 pencil and scantron, the latter purchased at the University Bookstore) will contain about 35-50 multiple choice or other short
answer questions. The exams are not cumulative. **As a student’s lowest grade will be dropped, no makeup exams will be given.**

The essay will be written on a topic chosen by the student from several options that will be announced in at least two classes and posted at D2L at least 10 days before due date. The essay will be no longer than one page 12 pt. font, Times New Roman. More detailed requirements will be posted at turnitin.com and described in at least two classes. Students must also submit a hard copy of the essay in class at the end of class on either Feb. 20 or Feb 25.

Thus, in order for a student to receive a grade for his or her essay, it must be submitted on time electronically to turnitin.com and in hard copy at the end of either of the two classes listed above and on Course Calendar. **Essays that do not conform to all of the above requirements will not be graded (draw a grade of Zero). No late submissions (either electronic or hard copy) will be accepted.**

In class the instructor will encourage students to share their thoughts about material presented in lectures and the text. Those students who regularly make particularly insightful contributions may be awarded up to four points extra credit. These points will be added to the student’s course average as calculated by the method described above. **This is the only way a student may earn extra credit.**

**Essay Rubric:**
- Grammatical, mechanical, and stylistic execution 33.3%
- Argument and interpretation 33.3%
- Accuracy of historical data 33.3%

**Grading:** Here is a hypothetical example of a student’s course grade calculation:

- Exam I: 78
- Exam II: 87
- Exam III: 0 (absent due to sickness)
- Exam IV: 86
- Essay: 88

Thus: dropping lowest grade (0) 78+87+86+88=339 divided by 4= 84.75; (rounding up= 85) + 2 pts. class participation= 87; no penalty for excessive absences= B for course

**Grading Scale:**

- A= 90% to 100%
- B= 80% to 89%
- C=70% to 79%
- D=60% to 69%
- F= 59% or less
Grade Privacy and Office Hours:

In order to protect students’ rights to privacy, departmental regulations do not allow the instructor to discuss a student’s grades except in private. Please do not approach the instructor in the presence of others and mention your grade. You are encouraged, however, to meet with the instructor in his office (Part Time Faculty Office at History Department, 4th Floor Social Science Building. His office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:45 am and 12:30 - 1:45 pm. He will also try to accommodate any student who may not be able to meet with him at these times.

The instructor does welcome any other questions or comments during class or, time permitting, in the classroom before and after class.

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 on 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 a 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 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 in the following link:
https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai-misconduct-proceeedures

Students who have been found to have cheated will be penalized up to a grade of zero for the work on which he or she cheated. Plagiarism will be addressed at some length during our class discussions concerning the requirements for the graded essay.

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 ADA, please contact Ms. Carol Pope, ADA Compliance Officer for Students at 770-423-6443.

**Course Calendar:**

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April 29          Catch-up and review

May 1             Exam IV (Final)

    Section 31 (8:00am Class) meets at usual time (8:00 am)

    Section 32 (11:00am Class) meets one-half-hour earlier (10:30 am)

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