HIST 2112/05: U.S. History Since 1877
Spring 2016
English Building, Room 102
Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00-3:15pm

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Course Description: An examination of major themes in the social, cultural, political, and economic history of the United States since 1877. Topics include the multicultural nature of contemporary U.S. civilization, and the nation’s role 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, which states that students will demonstrate a broad understanding of history, political systems, or culture of the United States: http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=24&poid=2668

Required Reading:


Grading: There will be five exams. The grade distribution is as follows:

Exam 1 (Foner 15-17; ATF 8-9) = 20%
Exam 2 (Foner 18-20; ATF 10-11) = 20%
Exam 3 (Foner 21-23; ATF 12-13) = 20%
Exam 4 (Foner 24-25; ATF 14-15, 17) = 20%
Exam 5 (Foner 26-28; ATF 16) = 20%

100%

Grading Scale: Final grades will be based on the following scale:

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = below 60

Incompletes will be awarded only when a 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:** All makeup exams for students with excused absences will be administered on Friday, April 29, from 1-4pm in SO 2034.

**Electronic Communications:** Kennesaw State University provides all students with an email account containing the address “students.kennesaw.edu.” Federal laws protecting educational information and other data require you to use this account when communicating with your instructor or other university officials. As a matter of policy, I will not respond to emails sent via non-KSU accounts.

**Attendance Policy:** I will not take attendance. In addition to the assigned readings, however, exams will include material from lectures, discussions, films, and other material covered in class. If you want to do well in the course, you will need to attend class regularly. Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

**Academic Honesty:** 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. CHEATING ON EXAMS WILL RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE FOR THE COURSE. See also https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct.

**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:
- SDS Email: sds@kennesaw.edu
- Primary number for Kennesaw campus: 470-578-2666
- Primary number for Marietta campus: 678-915-7244

**Civility and Technology:** Please observe rules of common courtesy and classroom etiquette:
- Turn off smartphones and other electronic devices.
- Arrive on time and stay until the end of class.
- If you have to leave early, let me know at the beginning of class. Unexpected comings and goings are very disruptive.
- No laptops will be allowed during class.
Suggestions and Advice:

- If you do not understand a course requirement or any of the course material, please do not hesitate to talk with me. My job is to help you learn.
- In order to get the most out of class time, it is vital that you keep up with the reading assignments.
- Finally, please note that dates and deadlines are subject to change. Be alert to in-class announcements and electronic communications from the instructor.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Week 1: January 12 & 14  Reconstruction
Reading: Foner, ch. 15.  
After the Fact, ch. 8.

Week 2: January 19 & 21  Gilded Age
Reading: Foner, ch. 16.  
After the Fact, ch. 9.

Week 3: January 26 & 28  1890s: The “New Imperialism”
Reading: Foner, ch. 17.

Week 4: February 2 & 4  Progressivism
Reading: Foner, ch. 18.  
After the Fact, ch. 10.
***First Exam: Tuesday, Feb. 2***

Week 5: February 9 & 11  World War I
Reading: Foner, ch. 19.

Week 6: February 16 & 18  Roaring Twenties, Screeching Halt
Reading: Foner, ch. 20  
After the Fact, ch. 11.

Week 7: February 23 & 25  The Great Depression & The New Deal
Reading: Foner, ch. 21.  
After the Fact, ch. 12.
***Second Exam: Tuesday, Feb. 23***

Week 8: March 1 & 3  World War II
Reading: Foner, ch. 22.  
After the Fact, ch. 13.
***March 2: Last day to withdraw without academic penalty***

Week 9: March 8 & 10  The Cold War
Reading: Foner, ch. 23.
Week 10: March 15 & 17
The 1950s
Reading: Foner, ch. 24.
After the Fact, ch. 14.
***Third Exam: Tuesday, Mar. 15***

Week 11: March 22 & 24
The Sixties
Reading: Foner, Ch. 25.
After the Fact, ch. 15.

Week 12: March 29 & 31
Vietnam
Reading: After the Fact, ch. 17

Week 13: April 5 & 7
NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

Week 14: April 12 & 14
1970s and '80s
After the Fact, ch. 16.
***Fourth Exam: Tuesday, Apr. 12***

Week 15: April 19 & 21
The Clinton Era
Reading: Foner, ch. 27.

Week 16: April 26 & 28
9/11 and Beyond
Reading: Foner, ch. 28.
***Fifth Exam: Thursday, May 5, @ 1pm***