HIST 2112
America since 1890
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Social Sciences 3007
M-F, 8-12:30 p.m.

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Course Description: An examination of the major themes of American history since 1890, 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 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

Required Reading:
I have not assigned a textbook for this course. For background information and additional content, I recommend that you check out from the library or purchase a used copy of a US history textbook. I like Roark, et al, The American Promise, but there are many other good ones. You may also follow along at one of the following digital textbooks:
- Steven Mintz's Digital History (http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/)
- Independence Hall's ushistory.org (http://www.ushistory.org)
- The US Embassy's Outline of US History (http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2011/04/20110428150452su0.6368306.html#axzz2xIXus7YI)

In lieu of a textbook, this course is based on primary source documents. I will post these to D2L; you will print these out and bring them to class.

Therefore, you must have the following by Tuesday, May 13:
1. A filing system for documents and notes. You may either use:
2. Access to a reliable printer. You should expect to print 20–30 pages for each day of class, which at the KSU library works out to about $30 for the term.

**Attendance Policy:**
- Attendance is mandatory.
- I will not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences.
- You are “allowed” one absence, no questions asked.
- Each additional absence will lower your final grade by 15%. (In other words, 3 absences means that the maximum grade you can make in the course is a C.)
- We will start promptly at 8:00 each day and will stay until 12:30 unless I release the whole class early. We will also have at least 2 short breaks per class period.
- Be on time for the beginning of class and after breaks, and plan to stay the whole time.
- Two tardies (either at the beginning of class or after break) will count as an absence. Tardies of greater than 15 minutes or early departures will also count as absences.

**Electronic Devices Policy:**
This is a *low-tech* course. You’ll need paper, pen or pencil, and a willingness to interact with others face to face. Classroom interaction is key to the success of this course, so as a general rule, you will not need laptops, tablets, smartphones, cameras, etc. There may be activities that require access to such devices; if so, I will ask you to bring your device to class. Otherwise, keep them turned off and put away. Students using devices during class may be asked to leave, in which case they will be counted absent.

**Course Assessments/Assignments:**
1. **Participation:**
   In this course, participation varies from activity to activity. During lectures, for instance, participation means taking notes and asking questions; during whole-class discussions, it means listening respectfully and building on your classmates’ ideas; during group activities, it means listening, speaking, and working collaboratively with your group members; during individual work, it means focusing on the task at hand.

2. **Exercises:**
   At some point during each class, I will give you a writing prompt to help you in processing the day’s material. Some of these I will grade; others you will workshop with your peers. These prompts will also serve as study aids for the final exam.

3. **Final Exam:**
   The final exam will take place at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23, and will consist of term and quotation identifications, image interpretations, and essays.

**Grading:**
**Grade Calculations**
1. Participation: 15%
2. Exercises: 35%
3. Final Exam: 50%

**Grading Scale**
Students are evaluated on the following scale:
- A - (91-100%)
- B - (80-90%)
- 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.

**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](https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures)

Plagiarism will result in a 0 on the assignment and may result in an F in the course.

Please see the sites below to assist you in avoiding plagiarism:
[http://plagiarism.org/]
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. Nastassia Sanabria, ADA Compliance Officer for Students 770-423-6443.

Course Schedule:

Monday, May 12 / American Empire
Tuesday, May 13 / Progressives I
Wednesday, May 14 / Progressives II
Thursday, May 15 / Depression and New Deal
Friday, May 16 / World War II
** Last day to withdraw without academic penalty **
Monday, May 19 / Cold War
Tuesday, May 20 / Rights Movements I
Wednesday, May 21 / Rights Movements II
Thursday, May 22 / New Right
Friday, May 23 / Final Exam, 8:00 a.m.