HIS223 -01
United States History from 1877
Fall 2023

Class Time and Location: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 -9:15, Rm 249
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Prerequisite: None

Resources: Required text - *Give Me Liberty! An American History; Eric* Foner, Seagull Edition, W.W. Norton & Company, ISBN 9780393920291

Course Description: This course offers a survey of the cultural, economic, political, and social forces that have shaped the U.S. from the end of Reconstruction to the present. This course requires at least one paper using a documentation format.

Program Outcomes:
Students will increase their:
- writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills.
- understanding of different cultures and societies across the globe and how both have changed over time.
- technological and research skills.

Rationale: This course provides the means by which students will accomplish the program outcomes outlined in the UA Rich Mountain college catalogue, as evidenced by the listed course objectives.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will:
- Identify the events and attitudes that have helped shape the culture of the United States from Reconstruction to the present.
- Demonstrate knowledge of independent historical research and an understanding of primary sources.
  Components:
  Proper grammar and format
  Proper documentation
  Proper research topics
  Scholarly research
- Utilize critical thinking and communication to gain historical perspective.

Course Schedule:
August 22 – Introduction
August 24 - Review of Reconstruction (Ch. 15)
August 29 - Cowboys and Indians (Ch. 16)
August 31 - Robber Barons (Ch. 16)
September 5 - Immigrants, Factories, and Depression (Ch 17)
September 7 – Spanish-American War (Ch. 17)
September 12 – Test 1
September 14 - Progressive Era (Ch. 18)
September 19 – Progressive Era (Ch. 18)
September 21 - Progressive Era & World War I (Ch. 18)
September 26 - World War I (Ch. 18)
September 28 – Roaring 20s (19)
October 3 - Great Depression (Ch. 20)
October 5 – Test 2
October 10 – New Deal (Ch. 21)
October 12 - World War II (Ch. 22)
October 17 - World War II (Ch. 22)
October 19 – Beginning of Cold War (Ch. 23)
October 24 - Beginning of Civil Rights (Ch. 24)
October 26 – Test 3
October 31 - 1960s (Ch. 25)
November 2 – 1960s continued
November 7 - 1960s & 1970s (Ch. 26)
November 9 – 1970s & 80s (Ch. 26)
November 14 –1990s (Ch. 27)
November 16 - 2000 to 2010 (Ch. 28)
November 20 – 24 – No classes – Thanksgiving Holidays
November 28 – 2010 to today (Ch. 28)
November 30 – Test 4
December 5 - Last day of classes - Review for Final
December 6 – 12 – Finals Week

This syllabus is a work in progress. The dates, number of tests, and other items may change throughout the semester.

Course Conduct:
The majority of this class will be lecture oriented. However, there will be other projects and activities throughout the semester.

You are encouraged to form study groups to help in this class. You may also seek assistance from Student Support for help understanding the material or writing the paper. If you have extreme difficulty, please make an appointment with me to discuss it.

Credit Hour Calculator: For every course credit hour, you should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work, including but not limited to time attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/exams, research, writing papers, working with your team, and other activities that enhance learning. For a three-hour course, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course. This includes the time spent in class.

Course Requirements/Evaluation:
Grades will be based on four tests, the final exam, a short research paper, and other projects. Grades are based on the standard grading scale: 90-100 (A), 80 – 89 (B), 70 – 79 (C), 60 – 69 (D), below 59 (F).

Tests: **The majority of your grade will come from your test scores**. Tests will be multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blanks, short answer, and essay. The final exam may be cumulative, including questions from previous tests.

Projects and/or papers:
There will be various papers and projects assigned throughout the semester. These projects will include brief papers and essays (which will require documentation). Projects may also include group presentations and debates. The topics of these projects will be announced later.

Research paper:
Topics for this paper will be assigned later in the semester. Sources to back up the argument should come from various sources, including primary sources. Primary sources are those created at the time of the event. They include letters, diaries, newspapers of the era, original documents, etc. Sources must be properly documented, i.e., use footnotes or endnotes and include a bibliography. For documentation of sources, you may use the standard guide for historical writing--The University of Chicago Press's Manual of Style or MLA style if you are more familiar with that. I am available to assist you in this project and will be pleased to comment on your early drafts.

Class Procedures/Student Requirements:
The classroom should be a learning environment, so, out of respect for others, please put your cell phone away and on. If you need to take a call, please step outside the classroom. No texting, playing games, or using social media during class. Cell phones should only be used for legitimate classroom activities. Also, do not take any pictures or videos in class without permission.

Attendance is expected. Make-up tests and scheduled presentations will only be rescheduled if an absence is reported and excused beforehand. Make-up tests may be all essay. Papers and projects are expected on the due date (papers may be turned in ahead of time). Late papers will be accepted but not for full credit, unless there is an emergency, or you have cleared it with me beforehand. The same applies to other projects and assignments.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. This includes plagiarism of papers and assignments and cheating on exams. Plagiarism also includes using paraphrasing tools and anti-plagiarism generators and the use of AI to write essays or answer assignments. Academic dishonesty will result in an F on the work in question. Recording a class or reposting, copying, or distributing material found on the Student Portal, Blackboard, or any class materials is expressly forbidden unless the instructor has given written permission. Students who violate Academic Integrity will face disciplinary sanctions that could result in suspension or expulsion from the college.

Title IX Sexual Harassment: If there is an issue of this nature, it should be reported immediately to the Title IX Director, Terry Francis at (479) 394-7622, Ext. 1460. To report a concern, or to learn more about UA RICH MOUNTAIN's Title IX and Non-Discrimination Policies, visit https://www.uarichmountain.edu/title-ix-policy

Disability Policy: It is the policy of UA Rich Mountain to accommodate students with disabilities pursuant to state and federal law. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office, 394-7622 ext.1400.

Arkansas Clean Air Act: In compliance with the Arkansas Clean Air Act, UA Rich Mountain is a smoke and tobacco-free facility. Students and guests are to refrain from the use of all tobacco products while on campus.

Student Misconduct: Students committing misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanction(s) and/or restrictions. Misconduct or prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to endangerment, harassment, disruption, sexual misconduct, dishonesty, illegal drugs and/or alcohol, fire or safety issues, gambling, property violations, computer violations, or other violations as listed in detail in the college catalog.

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Suspicious behavior should be reported to Deputy on campus at (479) 394-6811 OR through an anonymous email link found on the college webpage. The Deputy Sheriff's office is located in the Spencer Building across from the library.

A nation that forgets its past can function no better than an individual with amnesia. ~David McCullough