

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) 2007
HY 121-7N
United States History: Since 1877
Spring 2007
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Office Hours: Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Or by Appointment

Class Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. UW 131

Examinations: Feb. 13, Mar. 20, and May 1

Required Texts:

America: A Narrative History George Brown Tindall & David E. Shi

Documents of American Constitutional and Legal History, ed. Melvin Urofsky and Paul Finkelman

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to review, analyze and discuss the political, social, economic, and cultural trends in modern American history.

Important Dates:

Jan 11	Last Day to Drop
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Mar 7	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
Mar 11 - 17	Spring Break
Apr 25	Last Day of Class
Apr 26 - Apr 27	Weather Make-up Days
Apr 28 - May 4	Final Exams
May 5	Graduation

Grades:

First Examination - 30%

Mid-term examination-30%

Final-examination-30%

Five Page Paper -10%

The Paper is an academic vehicle for you to explore the history of a certain topic in American history of which you have a personal interest. The requirements for the paper are: (1) Paper topics are to be emailed to the professor by Mar. 1, (2) Paper due by April 19, (3) Must cite to sources -at least 5, of which only 2 may be the internet, and (4) Must be 5 pages in length.

Class Schedule:

Jan. 9 - Introduction to subject; lecture on role of history in society and review of syllabus

Jan. 16 - Ch. 18 - Reconstruction: North and South; Ch. 19 - New Frontiers: South and West

Jan. 23 - Ch. 20 - Big Business and Organized Labor; Ch. 21 - The Emergence of Urban America

Jan. 30 - Ch. 22 - Gilded-Age Politics and Agrarian Revolt; Ch. 23- An American Empire

Feb. 6 - continue Ch. 23 - An American Empire; Begin Ch. 24 - The Progressive Era; review for Exam

Feb. 13 - FIRST EXAMINATION

Feb. 20 - Review examination; continue Ch. 24 - The Progressive Era; Ch. 25 - America and the Great War

Feb. 27 - continue Ch. 25 - America and the Great War; Ch. 26 - The Modern Temper; begin Ch. 28

Mar. 6 - Ch. 28 New Deal America; Ch. 29 - From Isolation to Global War; [Ch.30 - The Second World War]

Mar. 13 - SPRING BREAK

Mar. 20 - SECOND EXAMINATION

Mar. 27 - Review Examination; [Ch.30 - The Second World War]; Ch. 31 - The Fair Deal and Containment

Apr. 3 - Ch. 32 - Through the Picture Window: Society and Culture, 1945-1960; Ch. 33 - Conflict and Deadlock: The Eisenhower Years

Apr. 10 - Ch. 34 - New Frontiers: Politics and Social Change in the 1960s; Begin Ch. 35 - Rebellion and Reaction in the 1960s and 1970s

Apr. 17 - Ch. 35 - Rebellion and Reaction in the 1960s and 1970s; Ch. 36 - A Conservative Insurgency; Review for Final Examination

Apr. 24 - Weather Make-up Day

May 1 - FINAL EXAMINATION

*****NOTICE*****

The Professor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as deemed necessary throughout the course of the semester.