Course Requirements

History 1302 requires two midterm essay examinations and one in final essay examination. The final exam is not cumulative. All examinations are drawn from the lectures and the assigned reading—the latter of which is an absolutely required element for your assignments. Essays that do not incorporate the reading will not fare well. So too, essays that incorporate only the reading and exclude the lectures will fall short. Failure to complete any one of the examinations will result in a grade of F for that examination. Drawing “facts” from Wikipedia will result in a grade of F for the assignment. The first penalty for the offense of plagiarism will be a grade of F for the exam. A second offense will result in a grade of F for the course. The midterm examinations are worth 66 percent of your grade and the final examination is worth 34 percent. Your course grade will be weighted for improvement. Please see the writing rubric at the end of this syllabus.

Stipulations

1. If you are unable to take the test at the designated time, inform the instructor at least one week in advance of the exam and provide a written medical excuse or documentation of a family emergency.

2. Grading Explanation

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Required Text (Also available as eBook through Publisher)


George B. Tindall and David E. Shi, America: A Narrative History, Volume II.

Statement of Intent

This course will examine American history from the colonial period through Civil War. We will study the ethnic, cultural, religious, racial, and class foundations of American society and politics.

Student Learning Outcomes: History 1302 Online

This course will examine American history since the Civil War. We will study the ethnic, cultural, religious, racial, and class foundations of American society and politics. Students will demonstrate the
Core competency requirement for Critical Thinking Skills. The Student Learning Outcomes for Critical Thinking Skills are explicated below. Assessment of Critical Thinking Skills-Student Learning Outcomes will be by a writing rubric included at the end of this syllabus.

- Students will be able to analyze cause and effect in the history of the United States since the Civil War.
- Students will be able to analyze the relationship among American economics, politics, demography, and social structure since 1865.
- Students will be able to construct an in-class essay which synthesizes assigned readings and lectures into a coherent, fact-based narrative that demonstrates critical thinking skills.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Exemplary Educational Objectives for the SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (History)
The objective of a social and behavioral science component of a core curriculum is to increase students' knowledge of how social and behavioral scientists discover, describe, and explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events, and ideas. Such knowledge will better equip students to understand themselves and the roles they play in addressing the issues facing humanity.

- To examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods, social structures, and cultures.
- To analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on the area under study.
- To comprehend the origins and evolution of U.S. and Texas political systems, with a focus on the growth of political institutions, the constitutions of the U.S. and Texas, federalism, civil liberties, and civil and human rights.
- To understand the evolution and current role of the U.S. in the world.
- To recognize and apply reasonable criteria for the acceptability of historical evidence and social research.
- To identify and understand differences and commonalities within diverse cultures.

ASU Student Handbook

The ASU Student Handbook contains important information about campus services, programs, policies, and procedures, including such areas as the campus disciplinary rules and the Academic Honor Code. All students are expected to be familiar with this publication and to comply with the policies contained therein, among them maintaining complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits according to the Academic Honor Code. The ASU Student Handbook is available via the ASU website at www.angelo.edu (“Current Students:/University Publications.”) Large print versions are available in the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any
accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day**  
**(ASU OP 10.19)**

1. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20.

2. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

3. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.

**Schedule**

**Topic I: Reconstruction and its Discontents, 1865 – 1900**

July 10, 11, 12, 13, 16

Tindall and Shi, Chapters 17, 18, 19

**Topic II: The New Immigrants and Urban Liberalism, 1890 - 1924**

July 17, 18

Tindall and Shi, Chapters 20, 21, 22, 23

**Topic III: The Foundations of the New American Economic Order, 1900 – 1928**

July 19, 20

Tindall and Shi, Chapters 24, 25, 26

July 23 **First Midterm Examination over Reading, Lectures, for Topics I, II, and III.**

**Topic IV: The New Deal and the Crisis of Democracy, 1929 - 1941**

July 23, 24, 25

Tindall and Shi, Chapters 27, 28, 29.
Topic V: World War and Cold War, 1942 – 1962

July 26, 27, 30
Tindall and Shi, 30, 31.

Topic VI: Toward a Great Society, 1944 - 1968

July 31/August 1
Tindall and Shi, Chapters 32

August 2 Second Midterm Examination over Reading, lectures, for Topics IV, V, and VI.

Topic VII: Vietnam and the Fallout

August 2, 3, 6, 7
Tindall and Shi, Chapters 33, 34

August 8 Final Examination over Reading, Lectures, for Topic VII.

Rubric

Component 1: Historical Thesis/Argumentation

1 Point: There is no historical thesis, there are multiple theses, or what there is of an argument is not developed.

2 Points: There is the outline of a historical thesis or argument, but requires further elaboration.

3 Points: There is a clearly developed historical argument.

Component 2: Supporting Historical Evidence

1 Point: There are no specific historical textual evidence provided and no evidence of having done any reading and assimilating of secondary or primary sources, depending upon the nature of the written assignment.
2 Points: There are a few historical textual examples given, but more specific evidence and citation is needed to develop paper fully.

3 Points: There is ample historical textual evidence used where appropriate to bolster thesis.

Component 3: Clarity/Quality of Composition

1 Point: There is no indication that the student has command of the basic requirements of clear/quality composition. These basic requirements of clear composition include, for example, appropriate paragraph breaks, correct spelling, topic sentences, clear sentence transitions, and subject agreement.

2 Points: There are indications that the student has attempted, and partially succeeded, in following the basic requirements of clear/quality composition. However, there is room for improvement in, for example, spelling or sentence transitions.

3 Points: The written work follows the basic requirements of clear/quality composition.

Component 4: Organization of Essay

1 Point: The student hobbled together incoherent, rambling sentences and paragraphs with little consideration of organizing a clear, developed essay that could be easily followed by a reader.

2 Points: The student partially succeeded in composing an organized essay. More improvement in order and logic of flow is needed.

3 Points: The student has written a well organized, coherent, and logically flowing paper.

Component 5: Historical Sense

1 Point: The student exhibits little understanding of historical chronology, change over time, and the relationship among various actors and societal forces which shape the contours of History. The student is not able to analyze the relationship among politics, economics, and social change.

2 Points: The student demonstrates a general sense of the significance of chronology, change over time, and the relationship among various actors and societal forces which shape the contours of History. More development, especially of the interplay between actors and events (societal forces), is needed. The student is partially able to analyze the relationship among politics, economics, and social change.

3 Points: The student has firm command of chronology, understands that change occurs as a process over time, and fully develops the interplay between actors and events. The student is able to analyze the relationship among politics, economics, and social change.