HISTORY 1302: United States History since 1865
Angelo State University
Course Syllabus, Spring 2019
Time: TR, 12:30-1:45 pm
Location: A233

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Course Objective: The objective of this course is to provide an introductory level survey to the second half of United States history from the end of the Civil War to the present. The course will examine the various political, social, cultural and economic themes that have contributed to the development of the United States as a nation, people, and society.

Student Learning Objectives:
• Students will be able to analyze cause and effect in the history of the United States since the end of the Civil War.
• Students will be able to analyze the relationship among American economics, politics, demography, and social structure in the above-stated period.
• Students will be able to construct an essay (in-class or take home) which synthesizes assigned readings and lectures into a coherent, fact-based narrative that demonstrates critical thinking skills.

Required Texts:

Course Requirements:

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Exemplary Educational Objectives for the SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (History 1301, 1302)

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 understand the evolution and current role of the U.S. in the world.
- To comprehend the origins and evolution of U.S. and Texas political systems, with a focus on the growth of political institutions, the construction of the U.S. and Texas, federalism, civil liberties, and civil and human rights.
- 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.

Rubric for Assessing Core U.S. History Essays for achieving desired student learning outcomes:

**Component 1: Thesis/Argumentation**

Points Criterion

1. There is no thesis, there are multiple theses, or what there is of an argument is not developed
2. There is the outline of a thesis or argument, but requires further elaboration.
3. There is a clearly developed argument

**Component 2: Supporting Evidence**

Points Criterion

1. There are no specific textual evidence provided and no evidence of having done any reading and assimilating of secondary or—if applicable—primary source.
2. There are few textual examples given, but more specific evidence and citation is needed to develop the paper fully.
There is ample textual evidence used where appropriate to bolster thesis

Component 3: Clarity/Quality of Composition

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

2 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 The written work follows the basic requirements of clear/quality composition

Component 4: Organization of Paper

1 The student cobbled together incoherent or rambling sentences and paragraphs with little consideration for organizing a clear, developed essay that could be easily followed by a reader

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

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

Component 5: Historical Sense

1 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 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.

3 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.
**Academic honesty.** Do your own work and don’t cheat. Not only does it blemish your character and diminish personal integrity, you will be found out and disciplined accordingly, in compliance with the ASU Student Handbook’s Academic Honor Code ([www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu)).

**Persons with disabilities.** Persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations must contact the Student Life Office located in room 112. You are encouraged to make this request as early as possible during the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Attendance**

*In-class conduct.* A warm body in a chair alone does not attendance make. Preparation, punctuality, and presence of mind are also required. Preparation comes in the form of reading of the required texts and the digestion of their themes, punctuality in the form of arriving on time, and presence of mind through informed engagement. To aid the latter, laptops are accepted as note-taking devices; cell phones are not. Turn them off.

**Excused and Unexcused Absences.** Each student is allowed two unexcused absences before points are taken from their participation grade. Excused absences, as defined in the Student Handbook, will not count toward the maximum allowable absences.

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day.** Students may request an absence in advance, as per Texas Education Code, §51.911, which states:

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.

**Make-Up Exam Policy.** Students must have a documented reason in order to miss or make up an examination. The make-up examination, differing significantly from that given to the rest of the students, will be administered in the instructor’s office.
Schedule

Week 1
1/15  Introduction
1/17  Civil War and Reconstruction
      Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 16
            *Forging the American Character*, Preface and Chapter 1

Week 2
1/22  Westward Expansion
1/24  Western Culture and Society
      Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 17
            *Forging the American Character*, Chapter 2

Week 3
1/29  Industrial Expansion
1/31  An Urbanizing America
      Read: *The American Story*, Chapters 18 & 19

Week 4
2/5   The Gilded Age
2/7   America and Empire
      Read:  *The American Story*, Chapters 20 & 21
            *Forging the American Character*, Chapters 3 & 4

Week 5
2/12  The Progressive Era
2/14  Discussion and Review
      Read:  *The American Story*, Chapters 22 & 23
            *Forging the American Character*, Chapters 5 & 6

Week 6
2/19  Exam 1
2/21  World War I
      Read:  *The American Story*, Chapter 24

Week 7
2/26  World War I, continued
2/28  The Roaring Twenties
      Read:  *The American Story*, Chapter 25
            *Forging the American Character*, Chapters 7 & 8

Week 8
3/5   The Great Depression
3/7   The New Deal
      Read:  *The American Story*, Chapter 26
            *Forging the American Character*, Chapters 9 & 10

SPRING BREAK, NO CLASSES, MARCH 11-15
Week 9
3/19 The United States in World War II
3/22 Mobilization at Home
Read: The American Story, Chapter 27
Forging the American Character, Chapters 11 & 12

Week 10 (Last day to drop class or withdraw, March 28)
3/26 Review/Film
3/28 Exam 2

Week 11
4/2 The Cold War
4/4 Coming In from the Cold
Read: The American Story, Chapter 28
Forging the American Character, Chapter 13

Week 12
4/9 The Eisenhower Years
4/11 Civil Rights Movement
Read: The American Story, Chapter 29
Forging the American Character, Chapter 14

Week 13
4/16 Politics and Social Change in the 1960s
4/18 Discussion
Read: Forging the American Character, Chapter 15

Week 14
4/23 Richard Nixon and Watergate
4/25 The Reagan Revolution
Read: The American Story, Chapters 30 & 31
Forging the American Character, Chapter 16

Week 15
4/30 Current Events
5/2 Review

Final Exam: Thursday, May 9, 10:30am-12:30pm.