

Hist 2372: Historiography and Methods.

Hist 2372, Sec 010

Online

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Course Objectives: What is Historiography and Why are You Taking It?

Well, you're taking it because we required it. So there.

So why did we require it, and what the heck is historiography anyway?

There is a perception among people that History simply is, like gravity or sunshine or the Cowboys barely missing the playoffs. But history is not something that exists outside of the present, and indeed our understanding of history is shaped by the present, present our concerns but also our ability to look back and see what matters. History is, therefore, in a profound sense something that is MADE by the present.

So how do historians, in a sense, make history? How do we reconstruct the past with the materials we have inherited from the past? We will explore this and participate in such creation it during the class, learn about the methods historians employ to reconstruct the past.

Historiography is also the history of history. Where did the discipline of history come from? What are some of the different approaches to history that historians have created over time?

Format

This course will be a mixture of participation and discussion through the discussion board and papers based on the readings and discussion.

Assignments and Grades

Assignments will be all papers and discussion. There are no tests in this class.

Papers will be one page summaries (250-500 words) of the week's readings. Total for these papers is 750 points throughout the semester. Papers will be due in class on the day of the class discussion for those chapters.

Participation: In class discussion will total 350 points, or 50% of the class grade.

Paper 1: (50 points; discussion 50)

Paper 2: (50 points; discussion 50)

Paper 3: (50 points; discussion 50)
Paper 4: (50 points; discussion 50)
Paper 5: (50 points; discussion 50)
Paper 6: (50 points; discussion 50)
Paper 7: (50 points; discussion 50)

Grading Scale

A = 700-630

B = 629-560

C = 559-490

D = 489-420 (righteous, Bro!)

F = 419 and below.

Required Readings

Any others will be posted to Blackboard as necessary.

Inclement Weather Policy

Basically, if the university is closed, we won't have class.

Makeup of Exams

You must come to me within two class days to schedule a makeup exam or you will receive a zero.

Plagiarism

Cheating of any sort will not be tolerated, and cheaters will automatically fail this class and be reported to the administration.

The Learning Environment

Please be courteous to your classmates and respectful during discussions. Wear your mask and do your part to help us get through this trying time.

Students with Disabilities

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

Instructor reserves the right to change or alter the syllabus as necessary.

Helpful Links

Advising: <https://www.angelo.edu/dept/advising/> Be sure to set up an advising appointment when advising for Spring begins.

Counseling Services: <https://www.angelo.edu/services/counseling/index.php> **Confidential**
Counseling is provided to all students free of charge.

Student Handbook: <https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/> Outlines the policies students need to know

Title IX: <https://www.angelo.edu/services/title-ix/> The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

www.angelo.edu/incident-form

Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022 michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325- 942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942- 2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State's policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Tutoring Center: <https://www.angelo.edu/dept/freshman-college/academic-tutoring.php>

Religious Holidays. Students may miss a day of class to observe a religious holiday, provided they inform the instructor in advance that they will be missing class.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact me or stop by during my office hours.

Tentative Class Schedule.

Week 1 (March 21-25)

Introduction to the Class and the Origins of History.

The Question of Narrative

Excerpt from Thucydides, The History of the Peloponnesian War:

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0200%3Abook%3D1&force=y>

Week 2 (March 28-April 1)

The Empiricists

Assignment: TBD

Week 3 (April 4-8)

The Marxists

Assignment: TBD

Week 4 (April 11-15):

The Annales School

Assignment: TBD

Week 5 (April 18-22)

The New Social History: Race, Class, and Gender

Assignment: TBD

Week 6 (April 25-29)

Postcolonial History

Assignment: TBD

Week 7 (May 2-6th): Poststructuralism and the Relativism of Truth.

Assignment: TBD

Week 8 (May 9-13): Finals Week

Assignment: TBD