History 1302.010  
United States History Since 1865  
Spring 2017  
Dr. Martin

Class Meets: T/TH 11-12:15, CI 106  
Office Hours: M/W 11:30-1:30 and by appointment. Come eat lunch!  
What are office hours? Watch the clip “Introducing FOH” on youtube.  
Office: FC 253B (2nd floor, end of the hall on the parking lot side of the Starbucks building, behind the glass door.)  
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Course Description:  
This course will introduce you to United States History from the end of the Civil War to the 21st century. We will look at some the major political, economic, and especially social changes that took place during this period, paying particular attention to issues of race, class and gender, and how “ordinary” people helped shape the nation we know today. The course covers themes including citizenship and inclusion in the nation, urbanization, imperialism and nationalism.

Student Learning Outcomes:  
Students who successfully complete this course will:  
• demonstrate critical thinking by combining, changing, or reapplying existing information, gathering and assessing information relevant to a question, and analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing information  
• develop communication skills by interpreting and expressing ideas through written, oral, or visual communication  
• demonstrate personal responsibility by evaluating historical choices and actions, and relating consequences to decision making  
• develop social responsibility by identifying intercultural competence and civic responsibility in past regional, national, and global communities

Assignments:  
Three in-class exams. These are NOT cumulative. A study guide will be posted ahead of time.  
Exam 1 – 15% of your overall grade  
Exam 2 – 20% of your overall grade  
Exam 3 – 25% of your overall grade  
Position Paper – Assignment sheet on Blackboard. 20% of your overall grade.  
Quizzes – Almost weekly reading quizzes. Your two lowest scores will be dropped. 20% of your overall grade.  
Attendance - I expect you to attend every class, and to participate. Even though I do not take attendance every day, knowing the material covered in lecture is essential to doing well on course assignments. I do not post or share my notes or slides. Participation comes
from not only being there, but contributing intelligently to class discussion, taking part in group work, completing in-class assignments, and attending office hours.

**Grade Breakdown:**
A: 90-100  
B: 80-89  
C: 70-79  
D: 60-69  
F: 59 or below

If you have a question about an individual grade on an assignment, please come to my office hours to discuss. If you would like to dispute your grade, I am more than happy to speak with you, but you need to wait 24 hours after the assignment is returned before approaching me.

**Texts:**
**Required:**

Primary Sources available online

**Supplies:**
You will need three bluebooks, three scantrons (Form 882-E – the long, green ones), and a #2 pencil.

**Policies and Expectations:**
Since you are in college, I expect you to approach this class like the responsible adults you are. This means:

- Arriving to class on time

- Turning off cell phones, music players, and other distractions. And putting them away. Your phone needs to stay in your backpack/bag/purse during class time – you do not need a phone out during lecture. Please **do not text** during class time, or I will ask you to leave lecture. Take care of it before or after class.

- You are welcome to use laptop computers for appropriate classroom activities, such as taking notes, but I reserve the right to ask students who are doing other things (like checking email, facebook, or completing assignments for other courses) to leave class. With repeated offences your laptop privileges will be suspended.

- I **WILL NOT** accept late work. Seriously. All assignments must be submitted on the due date at the **beginning of your class time** – no exceptions. This includes all written work, exams and quizzes. Written assignments are due at the **BEGINNING** of class in print form (not email) unless I specify something different. If assignments are turned in after I start the day’s lecture, they are considered late and points will be docked. I expect you to be in class to take all exams and quizzes. I do not offer make-ups except under **EXTRAORDINARY** circumstances. Vacations, colds, doctor’s appointments, changes in
work schedules etc. do not count as extraordinary. That said, I want you to succeed in this class, so if something comes up that will impact your ability to come to class and meet the expectations of the course, please let me know as soon as possible. If you do have an extraordinary circumstance come up, I will expect you to contact me right away, and provide documentation.

- I do not post or share notes or Powerpoint slides. If you miss class it is your responsibility to get the notes from a classmate.

- You are also responsible for:
  1. adding and dropping yourself from the course – I can’t do this for you.
  2. tracking your grade in the course. There are many free grade calculator apps you can put on your phone that will help you with this.
  3. checking your Texas A&M email account frequently. “I didn’t get the email” is not a valid excuse.

- I expect you to abide by TAMUCC’s Student Code of Conduct, which can be found at http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/Rules_Procedures/index.html

- TUMUCC’s policies on academic integrity and plagiarism are available at http://cla.tamucc.edu/forms/academicmisconductprocedures.pdf. If you cheat or plagiarize on one or more assignments you will fail this course.

- In the event of a hurricane, flooding, or another incident, I will follow the published policies of TAMU-CC. If the campus remains officially open during the time that our class normally meets then class will proceed as scheduled (including all graded events). If the university closes campus then we will push the course requirements to the next official class meeting. If an exam date is cancelled, the exam will be held during the next official class meeting, so come prepared.

Provisional Course Outline
(this is open to change)

Week 1 – Introductions and Reconstruction
1/16 Expectations and Introduction to Sources
1/18 Reconstruction

Assignment for 1/23: Purchase books
  Write assignment due dates in your calendar
  Read Foner CH 15 and 16
Week 2 – The Gilded Age
1/23  The West
1/25  An Industrializing Economy

Read for 1/30: Foner CH 17

Week 3 – Race and Empire
1/30  Redemption and Jim Crow
2/1  Building Progressive Empire

Read for 2/6: Nothing - study

Week 4 – The Progressives
2/6  Review
2/8  Exam 1

Read for 2/13: Foner CH 18

Week 5 – Progressives at Home
2/13  Progressivism
2/15  Suffrage

Read for 2/20: Foner CH 19

Week 6 –
2/20  Labor
2/22  WWI

Read for 2/27: Foner CH 20

Week 7 – The Great Depression
2/27  A New Consumer Culture
3/1  The Great Depression

Read for 3/6: Foner CH 21

Paper due
Week 8 – A New Deal and World War
3/6 The Dust Bowl
3/8 The New Deal

Read for 3/20: Foner CH 22

Spring Break March 12-16

Week 9 – Nuclear Fears and the Nuclear Family
3/20 World War II on the Home-front
3/22 Facing the Bomb

Read for 3/27: Foner CH 23

Week 10 – Beginnings of Dissent
3/27 Exam 2
3/29 The Nuclear Family

Read for 4/3: Foner CH 24

Week 11 – Turn to the Left
4/3 The Early Civil Rights Movement
4/5 The Early Civil Rights Movement con’t

Read for 4/10: Foner CH 25

Week 12 – Protest and Conservative Backlash
4/10 The Vietnam War
4/12 Social Movements of the ‘60s

Read for 4/17: Foner CH 26

Last day to drop:
Week 13 – A Conservative Turn Continues/ The Cold War Ends
4/17 Nixon and the Rise of the New Conservative

4/19 The Reagan Revolution

Reading for 4/24: Foner CH 27

Week 14 –
4/24 Current Struggles/Neoliberalism
4/26 No class

Read for 5/1: None – study

Week 15
5/1 Exam 3

Fall Semester Grades will be available on SAIL May 15 at noon

Have a wonderful break!

Other required information:

GRADE APPEALS: As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, Student Grade Appeals. These documents are accessible online at: http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html.

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities.
If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

ACADEMIC ADVISING: The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information, please call 361-825-3466.

DROPPING A CLASS: I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. April 6th, 2018 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.