US History Since 1877  
HIS 134-490

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- DO NOT CONTACT ME THROUGH D2L!!!!!!
- Electronic communications must be formal. If I receive a message that does not address me directly in its first line, does not identify the sender, or does not include an e-mail address from the sender, I will assume it is a ‘spam’ message and not reply.
- Again, upon your sending an electronic communication during the working week, expect up to 24 hours to receive a response. Expect longer response times for weekend communications.

Class Meeting Time and Place
HIST 134, Section 490, Fall 2019, Room 605, Ms. Brown’s room
Mo 9:50a.m. – 10:35a.m.
We 9:05a.m. – 10:35a.m.
Fr 9:50a.m. – 10:35a.m.

Course Description and Student Learning Outcomes
- This course is a comprehensive survey of American history from the end of Reconstruction to the present which meets Texas state requirements for all graduates.
- Thus, the purpose of this course is to acquaint students with broad themes of U.S. history from the end of Reconstruction in 1877 to the present day, including government, culture, politics, economics, and more.
- Throughout, we will go over the development of the United States during this era as a country and as an idea.
- HIS 134 includes instruction in the interaction among individuals, communities, states, the nation, and the world, considering how these interactions have contributed to the development of the United States and its global role.
- Students in HIS 134 will demonstrate the more general ability to think critically, which includes the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information about this period of history; communicate effectively by developing and expressing ideas through written and visual communication; gain intercultural competence, a knowledge of civic responsibility, and an awareness of how humans in the past have engaged effectively in regional, national, and global communities; and understand the role that personal responsibility has played throughout history and gain the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to making ethical decisions.
Texts and Materials
- The above book may be purchased or rented online at various sites (alibris, abebooks, half, amazon, powells, betterworldbooks, etc.).
- I will provide all other readings on our section on “Desire2Learn” or D2L.

Course Requirements
This course includes seven components:
- The first component is the Final Examination at the end of the semester that counts for 20% of the semester grade.
- The second component is the “1898” primary source analysis paper that counts for 15% of the semester grade. The requirements of this item are described in its instructions.
- The third component is the “On Monuments” primary source analysis paper that counts for 15% of the semester grade. The requirements of this item are described in its instructions.
- The fourth component is the “Dealing with Desegregation” primary source analysis paper that counts for 15% of the semester grade. The requirements of this item are described in its instructions.
- The fifth component is the “Defining Freedom” primary source analysis paper that counts for 15% of the semester grade. The requirements of this item are described in its instructions.
- The sixth component includes various in-class quizzes and assignments that together count for 20% of the semester grade.
- The seventh component is the “Attendance & Participation” section that is explained in the “Attendance Policy” and counts for 20% of the semester grade.

Grading Policy

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Add the 7 calculations together to determine your Final Grade.

Attendance Policy
- This is a lecture course. Attendance is not only required, but the exam and in-class quizzes and discussions derive their material from these lectures alongside the readings. After the first absence, every unexcused absence will reduce your “Attendance & Participation” grade by 5 points, thereby reducing your final grade by 1 point.
- Students are not ‘double-penalized’ for missing class alongside missing an in-class quiz or assignment. However, missing in-class quizzes and assignments does reduce proportionally the value of each in-class item due to the lower number of total in-class items.
• Students must provide sufficient documentation regarding absences within a timely manner. Documentation should be turned in before due dates and absences whenever possible unless an emergency occurs. Documentation regarding absences incurred due to long-standing and/or preexisting medical issues must be provided at the beginning of the semester.
• Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss readings and assignments as well as participate in and respond to class discussions in order to satisfy the “Attendance & Participation” component of the grade.
• Class will not be held if the University closes.
• Make-up exams are only allowed if you make arrangements with me before the scheduled exam.
• I do not accept unexcused late work.

**Academic Honesty**

• Stephen F. Austin State University expects all students to abide by University policies related to academic honesty. Students’ academic development cannot be furthered without students upholding the highest level of integrity related to their studies.
• Each Stephen F. Austin State University student is required to be familiar with and abide by the University’s standard of academic integrity, akin to the Student Code of Conduct. The University’s policy can be found at sfasu.edu/policies/4.1-student-academic-dishonesty.pdf. Students with questions about how this policy applies to a particular course or assignment should immediately contact their instructor.
• While most students follow these well-recognized standards regarding academic integrity, instances of academic dishonesty do occur and must be addressed immediately. Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. As outlined in the University’s policy above, cheating generally involves an attempt to use unauthorized materials or falsify information, and plagiarism is utilizing someone else’s writings, ideas, or works without providing due credit or proper citation. Quotation marks and footnote/endnote citations are utilized in order to note the source of the work or idea, but students can consult their instructors, writing centers (such as the Academic Assistance and Resource Center or AARC Tutoring Center at library.sfasu.edu/aarc/?k=m57j8y), or other resources to clarify any questions or concerns related to such citations and attributions. The University’s 4.1 policy on Student Academic Dishonesty is provided in the earlier and following links, and students can also consult the Student Code of Conduct.
• In accordance with University policy, any instance of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism and cheating, are referred to the office of the dean of the student’s major which becomes a part of the student’s record. It is the student’s responsibility to understand the University’s ideals as outlined at sfasu.edu/policies/4.1-student-academic-dishonesty.pdf.

**Withheld Grades (Semester Grades Policy, A-54)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will
automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Students with Disabilities and/or Requiring Accommodations**
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats, and/or auxiliary aids, students must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).

**Cell Phones, Laptops, Media, Newspapers, Food**
- If your cell phone rings in class, you may be asked to leave, and you may receive an absence.
- If you ‘text’ in class, you may be asked to leave, and you may receive an absence.
- During examinations, quizzes, and any assignments, cell phones must be put away and silent. If I see your cell phone out, you may be asked to leave, and you may receive a 0 for the item’s grade.
- Laptops may be utilized only for the purposes of taking notes. If you utilize your laptop in a manner not relevant to the class, you may be asked to put the laptop away. I reserve the right to prohibit laptops from class if I deem it necessary.
- The only recordings allowed in class are my own recordings. You may not record or photograph me. If I discover myself or my class in photographs or on the internet, I reserve the right to fail the responsible student.
- If you read newspapers or books not relevant to the class in class, you may be asked to leave, and you may receive an absence.
- Food is not permitted in class. Drinks are allowed.

I reserve the right to change the syllabus. Any changes will be announced in class. Students should be prepared to discuss **Materials in Bold** on the respective days.

**Course Calendar**

*Week 01: Foner, Chapter 15: “‘What Is Freedom?’: Reconstruction, 1865-1877”*

*We, January 23: Introduction to Course*
  - **HIS 134 009 Moulton Syllabus**

*Fr, January 25: A Transforming North*
  - *Story of a Monopoly* (1881)
  - Henry Demarest Lloyd, “Wealth against Commonwealth” (1894)
  - City Slave Girls (1888)
  - Jacob Riis Tours New York City’s Fourth Ward
**Week 02:** Foner, Chapter 16: “America’s Gilded Age, 1870-1890”

**Mo, January 28:** A New South
- The South’s Recovery: Who Paid the Price of Success?
- “Almost Broken Spirits”: Farmers in the New South
- “Still Livin’ Under the Bonds of Slavery”: Minnie Whitney Describes Sharecropping at the Turn-of-the-Century
- “Drug Him Through the Street”: Hughsey Childes Describes Turn-of-the-Century Sharecropping

**We, January 30:** Inventing the West
- Sitting Bull (1882)
- Trials of the Trail: African-American Cowboy Will Crittendon
- “You Would Never Hear People Complain”: Elfido López Recalls Rural Mexican-American Life in the Late 19th Century
- “Lynching the Chinese” (October 28, 1871)
- F. G. Adams, “The Women’s Vote in Kansas” (1882)

**Fr, January 25:** Into 1896
- W. A. Peffer, The Farmer’s Situation (1890s)
- The Omaha Platform: Launching the Populist Party

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**Week 03:** “1898” Items

**Mo, February 04:** 1896 and Its Consequences
- A Woman’s Work: Mary Lease Celebrates Women Populists
- United We Stand?: Tom Watson on Interracial Southern Populism

**We, February 06:** Into the War of 1898
- “A Perfect Hailstorm of Bullets”: A Black Sergeant Remembers the Battle of San Juan Hill in 1899

**Fr, February 08:** 1898
- “1898” Items

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**Week 04:** Foner, Chapter 17: “Freedom’s Boundaries, At Home and Abroad, 1890-1900”

**Mo, February 11:** Progressivism
- Upton Sinclair, The Jungle (1905)
- P. M. Newman’s Letter on Conditions in the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory (1911)
• Lament for Lives Lost: Rose Schneiderman and the Triangle Fire
• How I Became a Socialist
• Carrie Chapman Catt, “Shall All Women . . . Obey All Men?” (February 1902)

*We, February 13: Progressivism II*

*Fr, February 15: Segregation and Disfranchisement*
• Booker T. Washington on Citizenship (February 12, 1898)
• “Without Sanctuary: Photographs and Postcards of Lynching in America”
• Open Letter to McKinley from the Black Citizens of Massachusetts (1899)
• Killing the Messenger: Ida Wells-Barnett Protests a Postmaster’s Murder in 1898

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*Week 05: Foner, Chapter 18: “The Progressive Era, 1900-1916”*

*Mo, February 18: NO CLASS – Staff Development*

*We, February 20: Progressivism Abroad*
• “The White Man’s Burden”: Kipling’s Hymn to U.S. Imperialism
• Crosby on Kipling: A Parody of “The White Man’s Burden”
• American Soldiers in the Philippines Write Home about the War
• Bitter Harvest: A Puerto Rican Farmer Laments U.S. Control of the Island

*Fr, February 22: America and World War I*
• The Fourteen Points (1918)
• “Get the Rope!”: Anti-German Violence in World War I-era Wisconsin
• “Nobody Would Eat Kraut”: Lola Gamble Clyde on Anti-German Sentiment in Idaho During World War I
• Cartooning for Victory: World War I Instructions for Artists
• The Origins of Puerto Rican Migration: U.S. Employment Service Bulletin (1918)
• “No Negroes Allowed”: Segregation at the Front in World War I
• “All the Colored Women Like This Work”: Black Workers During World War I

“1898” PAPER DUE BY BEGINNING OF CLASS

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*Mo, February 25: America between War and Depression*
• “Sailor Wounds Spectator Disrespectful of Flag”: The Red Scare, 1919-1921
• Don’t Forget Her (1925)
• The New Woman of the 1920s: Debating Bobbed-Hair
• “Like One Big Family”: A Former Textile Worker Describes the Closeness of the Southern Mill Village in the 1920s
• “We Tho[ugh]t State Street Would Be Heaven Itself”: Black Migrants Speak Out
• Intelligence Test (1920s)
• The Klan’s Fight for Americanism (1926), Hiram W. Evans

We, February 27: The Great Depression Hits
• Okie Migrations
• Southern Tenant Farmers’ Union
• “Organize among Yourselves”: Mary Gale on Unemployed Organizing in the Great Depression

Fr, March 01: The Great Depression Sinks

Week 07: Foner, Chapter 20: “From Business Culture to Great Depression: The Twenties, 1920-1932”

Mo, March 04: The New Deal
• Bill Branch’s Works Progress Administration Life History (August 1, 1938)
• Losing the Business: The Donners Recall the Great Depression

We, March 06: The New Deal II
• Deaf and Unemployed in Dubuque: The DiMarcos Remember the Great Depression
• A Negro in the CCC By Luther C. Wandall

Fr, March 08: America and World War II
• FDR and the Four Freedoms Speech
• “Aluminum for Defense”: Rationing at Home during World War II
• March on Washington Flyer
• Executive Order 8802
• “Cutting a New Path”: A World War II Navy Nurse Fights Sexism in the Military
• Tosh Yasutake and Mitsuye May Yamada Discuss Tosh’s Decision to Join U.S. Army and Visiting Their Father at a U.S. Department of Justice Incarceration Camp

Week 08: Foner, Chapter 21: “The New Deal, 1932-1940”

Mo, March 11: Cold War Origins
• National Security Council 68 (1950)
• “Sometime Soon . . . the Free Nations Must Make Their Choice”: A Foreign Correspondent Analyzes U.S. Cold War Failures

We, March 13: Cold War Politics
• Platform of the States Rights Democratic Party (also Document 2 in The Rise of Conservatism)
• Brainwashing (1950)
• “Enemies from Within”: Senator Joseph R. McCarthy’s Accusations of Disloyalty
  (or Document 3 in The Rise of Conservatism)

Fr, March 15: The Cold War Continues


Mo, March 18 – Fr, March 22: NO CLASS

Week 10: Foner, Chapter 23: “The United States and the Cold War, 1945-1953”

Mo, March 25: Cold War Domesticity
  • “A Decent Home . . . for Every American Family”: Postwar Housing Shortage
    Victims Testify before Congress
  • Jennifer Colton, “Why I Quit Working,” Good Housekeeping (September 1951)
  • Ladies Home Journal, “Young Mother” (1956)
  “On Monuments” PAPER DUE BY BEGINNING OF CLASS

We, March 27: The Civil Rights Movement
  • SNCC Statement of Purpose (October 1960)
  • “I Didn’t Know Anything About Voting:” Fannie Lou Hamer On The Mississippi
    Voter Registration Campaign
  • Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter From a Birmingham Jail
  • John Lewis, “Speech at the March on Washington” (28 August 1963)
  • “Our First Poll Tax Drive”: The American G.I. Forum Fights Disenfranchisement
    of Mexican Americans in Texas
  • “Our People Were Dedicated”: Organizing with the American G.I. Forum

Fr, March 29: The United States Confronts the Cold War Abroad


Mo, April 01: The United States and the Cold War Abroad
  • John F. Kennedy, Speech Announcing the Alliance for Progress (March 13, 1961)
  • Richard Nixon, Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam
    (January 25, 1972)

We, April 03: Cold War Liberalism Fractures
  • Southern Manifesto (1956)
  • Young Americans for Freedom, The Sharon Statement (September 11, 1960) (also
    Document 10 in The Rise of Conservatism)
  • Lyndon B. Johnson, Speech Announcing the Great Society (May 22, 1964) (also
    Document 2 in Lyndon B. Johnson and American Liberalism)
• Ronald Reagan, “A Time for Choosing” (October 27, 1964) (also Document 2 in *Conservatives in Power*)

_Fr, April 05:_


_Mo, April 08: The New Left_
• Casey Hayden and Mary King, “Sex and Caste” (November 18, 1965) (Document 21 in *The Movements of the New Left*)
• Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, “The Ten-Point Program: What We Want/What We Believe” (October 1966) (Document 22 in *The Movements of the New Left*)
• Martin Luther King, Jr., “Declaration of Independence from the War in Vietnam” (April 4, 1967) (Document 27 in *The Movements of the New Left*)
• Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, “El Plan de Santa Barbara” (April 1969) (Document 36 in *The Movements of the New Left*)
• Gay Activists Alliance, “Preamble to Constitution” (December 1969) (Document 38 in *The Movements of the New Left*)

_We, April 10: America Begins Turning_
“Dealing with Desegregation” _PAPER DUE BY BEGINNING OF CLASS_

_Fr, April 12: America Turned Right-Side Up_
• Committee on The Present Danger, *Common Sense and the Common Danger* (1976) (Document 25 in *The Rise of Conservatism*)
• Phyllis Schlafly, Interview with the *Washington Star* (1976) (Document 24 in *The Rise of Conservatism*)
• Southern Baptist Convention, Resolution on Abortion (1984) (also Document 33 in *The Rise of Conservatism*)
• Jerry Falwell, Fundraising Letter, 1981
• Ronald Reagan, Address Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Republican National Convention in Detroit (July 17, 1980) (also Document 29 in *The Rise of Conservatism*)

_Week 13: “Defining Freedom” Items_

_Mo, April 15: Modern Politics_

_We, April 17: Modern Liberalism_
• “Defining American Freedom – Modern Liberalism” Items
Fr, April 19: Bad Weather Day – NO CLASS


Mo, April 22: Bad Weather Day – NO CLASS

We, April 24: Modern Conservatism
- “Defining American Freedom – Modern Conservatism” Items

Fr, April 26: The Cold War Ending
- President Ronald Reagan, Speech at the Brandenburg Gate (June 12, 1987) (also Document 47 in Conservatives in Power)


Mo, April 29: The Cold War Ends
- President Clinton’s Millennium Address (January 1, 2000)

We, May 01: Neoliberalism and Globalization
- President George H. W. Bush Speaks to Congress about a “New World Order” (March 6, 1991) (also Document 54 in Conservatives in Power)
- North American Free Trade Agreement, Preamble (September 6, 1992)
- Republican “Contract with America” (September 27, 1994) (also Document 55 in Conservatives in Power)
- President Clinton’s State of the Union Address (January 23, 1996) (or Document 56 in Conservatives in Power)

Fr, May 03: Into the New Millennium


Mo, May 06: The New Millennium
- President George W. Bush’s Response to the September 11 Attacks (September 20, 2001) (also Document 58 in Conservatives in Power)
- The USA PATRIOT Act (October 24, 2001)
- National Security Strategy (November 17, 2002)
- “I Had Visions of Being Rounded Up”: Emira Habiby-Browne Describes the Impact of the September 11, 2001, Attacks on Arab Americans

We, May 08: Recent ‘History’
“Defining Freedom” PAPER DUE BY BEGINNING OF CLASS
Fr, May 10: Today

Week 17

We, May 15: FINAL EXAM (depending on STAAR testing – gotta finalize this!)