

HIST-1302 United States History 1877-Present

Course Syllabus: Fall 2022

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Jason Thomason

Class Meetings: Monday-Friday

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Office Hours: M-F 7:45a-8:10a, 10:30a-11:15a, 3:45p-5:00p

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials - Spiral Notebook, Pen/Pencil, Pocket Folder for Supplementary Readings, Highlighter

The Americans: United States History Since 1877. Orlando, FL: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2016.

Course Description

HIST-1302 is a general survey course in United States History from 1877 to the present. Throughout the course, the areas of concentration will be the economic, social, political, and cultural growth of the United States. Emphasis will also be placed on connecting past events with current issues and the need for accurate geographic knowledge, which will include the importance of the role of geography in shaping historical events.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, texts, or art.
2. In written, oral, and/or visual communication A&M-Commerce students will communicate in a manner appropriate to the audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.
3. Students will understand and practice academic honesty.
4. Students will demonstrate awareness of societal and/or civic issues.

Course Requirements

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students need to be able to use Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, using presentation and graphics programs.

Instructional Methods

The student will be exposed to various forms of learning in the form of teacher-led, student-led, peer-to-peer, and supplementary readings.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

To ensure success in this class students need to regularly log into the course website, stay disciplined with the daily readings and research paper checkpoints, as well as participate in the class discussions.

Grading

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 59% or Below

Grade Breakdown

Tests - 30%

Quizzes - 25%

Research Paper - 25%

Semester Final - 20%

Assessments

Students will take three exams throughout the semester with the first two assessments worth 15% each and the final exam worth 20%.

8/18/21 - First Day of Class

9/20/21 - Exam #1

11/1/21 - Exam #2

TBA - Final Exam

Student Responsibility Sheet: The Student Responsibility Sheet will be issued and returned during the first week of class. The purpose of the Student Responsibility Sheet is to assess the student's role in their education. Failure to return the Student Responsibility Sheet by the end of the first week will result in a failure for the class, regardless of other completed work. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Absence Policy: Absences will not count against student grades. However, attendance is expected in order to do well in the course. Attendance policies will mirror those expected for Caddo Mills High School students. Assignments missed because of school-related or medical absences can be submitted the next school day. Assignments missed for other reasons will be accepted at the discretion of the instructor.

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Reading Assignments: Students will be expected to complete reading assignments prior to each class session. Students need to be prepared to read each night as this class is a fast-paced course.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given each week (the first school day of the week) in order to

make sure that the student is staying up on their reading assignments and staying engaged in the content.

Exams and Final: Will be in a multiple choice format.

Biographical Essay: One biographical essay will be assigned for this course. Students will choose one historical figure from 1877 to present and write a three to five-page paper that argues why that person is important to our study of American history. The essay must focus on the impact of the individual and contain valid arguments backed up by research cited according to the Works Cited handout. Submission dates and guidelines for the topics, bibliography, rough draft and final draft will appear on supplementary handouts. All elements of the biographical essay must be submitted on time, in hard copy form. If a student knows that he/she will not be present to turn in the essay on time, they or must submit it before the due date. Late submissions due to unforeseen emergencies will be at the discretion of the instructor.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all coursework in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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 have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#)

document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Counseling Center Services

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Course Outline

Week 1: The Gilded Age
Week 2: The Progressives
Week 3: Imperialism and World War I
Week 4: The 1920s
Week 5-6: The Great Depression
Week 7-8: World War II
Week 9-11: The Cold War
Week 12-13: The Civil Rights Movement
Week 14-15: Modern Era