



HIST 1302, 91E, 202480

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2024

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Preferred Form of Communication: Email

Communication Response Time: 24 Hours

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Optional Texts and/or Materials: The American YAWP

Primary sources for reading quizzes will be provided by the instructor.

Course Description

This class will introduce students to the important concepts in American history from Reconstruction to the Modern Day. The course will examine major historical concepts including race, class, gender, politics, economics, and cultures while also attempting to understand the ways that historical events affected the everyday lives of citizens.

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War/Reconstruction era to the present. United States History II examines

industrialization, immigration, world wars, the Great Depression, Cold War, and post-Cold War eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History II include American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, urbanization and suburbanization, the expansion of the federal government, and the study of United States foreign policy.

Course Goal:

By the semesters end, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the major events of the time and be able to recall basic facts and demonstrate a deeper understanding of the sequence of events in post-Reconstruction United States history.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to form substantive and evidence-driven arguments to propose solutions to problems or explain phenomena.
- Student communication will follow conventions of grammar and syntax appropriate to the audience, purpose and message.
- Students will demonstrate awareness of societal and/or civic issues.
- Students will be able to understand their role in their own education.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to read and interpret primary source documents.

Students will be required to write five-paragraph essays to demonstrate their understanding of the class materials.

Instructional Methods

Instruction will be primarily presented in lecture form and supplemented with primary source documents and class discussions.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

Attending class and being attentive to class lectures will help the student succeed in this class. Making use of the study guides provided to prepare for the exams will also prove beneficial. Students will be responsible for obtaining any information missed due to absences. Students will also be responsible for completing online assignments in a timely manner.

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

Total points corresponding to the final letter grades

A = 544 - 605 Points

B = 484 - 543 Points

C = 423 - 483 Points

D = 363 - 422 Points

F = 363 & Below Points

Grading Scale

Exam One: 100 possible points

Exam Two 100 possible points

Final Exam 100 possible points

Syllabus Quiz, 10 points

Reading Quizzes: Five quizzes, 20 points each for a combined total of 100 possible points.

Video Quiz: One quiz, 20 possible points

Discussion Boards: Six discussion boards, 25 points each for a total of 150 possible points

Primary Source Activity: 25 possible points

605 possible points

Assessments

Exams:

There will be three exams for this course, including a non-comprehensive final exam. Each exam is worth 100 points and will include a multiple-choice section, a written short answer question, and an essay question. The exams will be based on class lectures and assigned readings from the reading quizzes. The two written portions of each exam will be completed online using Turnitin, while the multiple choice-portion will be completed online using MyLeo. Each exam will have a 72 hour window for students to complete the online portion.

Make-up Exams will consist exclusively of essays. Make-up exams must be set up with the instructor within a week of the absence.

Syllabus Quiz:

This quiz will be five questions based on the syllabus.

Reading Quizzes:

There will be five reading quizzes over the course of the semester. Each quiz will consist of ten questions and will count as 20 points of the final grade total. The assigned readings and their accompanying quizzes will be posted to MyLeo.

Video Quiz:

This quiz will be ten questions based on posted videos. This is 20 points of the grade.

Discussion Boards:

There will be six discussion boards over the course of the class. The student will answer the discussion board questions using that week's lecture and any other resources provided by the instructor. The student will select one discussion board question to answer in 250-300 words and will then reply to two posts of their classmates in 75-100 words each.

Primary Source Activity:

The students will use TAMUC library resources to find a primary source and then answer questions provided by the instructor based on their source.

Classroom/ Discussion Board Etiquette

All students will be held to a high level of professionalism. To this end, all discussions must be conducted in a professional, civil, and friendly manner, even when students are disagreeing with each other. There should be no name-calling, profanity, or disrespectful comments. Any student who does not follow these standards will not receive points for discussion and can be removed from the class. I strongly encourage you to develop true conversations in the Discussion Boards. By this, I mean do not post only enough to meet the minimum word-count. This is your opportunity to debate and discuss with your classmates; it is also an opportunity to ask each other questions. I will be monitoring discussions daily and expect more participation than simply trying to meet your word-count obligation.

Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to school administration.

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

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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](tel:903.468.6000) or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work 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

The majority of the student's interaction with the instructor will take place in the classroom at Community High School. The student can reach the instructor outside of class time using their provided TAMUC email.

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 reasonable accommodation for 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.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

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

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.

AI Use in Courses

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

Statement on Student Grievances

Students who have questions or concerns about the Instructor's course policies or the conduct of the Instructor or classmate should first consult with the Instructor. In the event of a lack of resolution or satisfaction on the matter, the student may bring their concern to the head of the History Department Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu If this does not result in a satisfactory conclusion to the matter, the student may bring the issue to the attention of the Dean of Students per the procedures outlined on pp. 15-19 of the Student Handbook.

MyLeo Access

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If you do not know your CWID they will likely ask for your social security number to help you retrieve your CWID and password. You should have received these in an email from the school but the temporary password may already have expired and you may have to call the help desk to reset your password and gain access.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

This is an outline of the class schedule for the semester. If needed this schedule can be amended by the instructor and in the event, this occurs due notice will be given to the students both in class and on MyLeo.

Monday and Wednesday classes will be in-person at CHS, Friday classes will be virtual and will

consist of exams or recorded lectures for the student to watch.

All Quizzes will close at 11:59 PM on the Friday they are due, and all Discussion Boards will close at 11:59 PM on the Sunday that Replies are due.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture/Activity</u>
Mon. Aug. 26	Introduction to class/Reconstruction
Wed. Aug. 28	Reconstruction
Fri. Aug. 30	New South (Discussion Board One Post Due)
Sun. Sep. 1	(Discussion Board One Replies Due)
Mon. Sep. 2	Labor Day – No Class (Syllabus Quiz Due)
Wed. Sep. 4	New South/Westward Expansion
Fri. Sep. 6	Westward Expansion (Sand Creek Quiz Due)
Mon. Sep. 9	The Gilded Age
Wed. Sep. 11	Populism
Fri. Sep. 13	Industrialization and Cities (Discussion Board Two Post Due) (Exam One Review Open)
Sun. Sep. 15	(Discussion Board Two Replies Due)
Mon. Sep. 16	Progressivism (How the Other Half Lives Quiz Due)
Wed. Sep. 18	Progressivism (Exam I Will Open After Class)
Fri. Sep. 20	Exam I (Due by 11:59 PM)
Mon. Sep. 23	Imperialism
Wed. Sep. 25	Imperialism/Lead up to World War I
Fri. Sep. 27	World War I (Discussion Board Three Post Due)
Sun. Sep. 29	(Discussion Board Three Replies Due)
Mon. Sep. 30	World War I at Home/Women’s Suffrage
Wed. Oct. 2	The 1920s
Fri. Oct. 4	The Great Depression (Discussion Board

Four Post Due)

Sun. Oct. 6	(Discussion Board Four Replies Due)
Mon. Oct. 7	The Great Depression
Wed. Oct. 9	The New Deal
Fri. Oct. 11	The New Deal/Build Up to World War II (Fireside Chat Quiz Due)
Mon. Oct. 14	New Deal/World War II Build Up
Wed. Oct. 16	World War II Europe
Fri. Oct. 18	World War II Japan (Discussion Board Five Post Due) (Exam II Review Open)
Sun. Oct. 20	(Discussion Board Five Replies Due)
Mon. Oct. 21	World War II at Home (End of Exam II Materials)
Wed. Oct 23	Cold War and Red Scare (Exam II Will Open After Class)
Fri. Oct. 25	Exam II (Due by 11:59 PM)
Mon. Oct. 28	1950s at Home
Wed. Oct. 30	Civil Rights Court Cases
Fri. Nov. 1	Civil Rights Court Cases (Post War Video Quiz Due)
Mon. Nov. 4	Civil Rights Protests
Wed. Nov. 6	Civil Rights Protests
Fri. Nov. 8	Cold War and Vietnam (Martin Luther King Quiz Due)
Mon. Nov. 11	Vietnam at Home
Wed. Nov. 13	Counter Culture
Fri. Nov. 15	Nixon (Discussion Board Six Post Due)
Sun. Nov. 17	Discussion Board Six Replies Due)
Mon. Nov. 18	Watergate and Ford
Wed. Nov. 20	Carter
Fri. Nov. 22	Reagan (Primary Source Activity Due)

Mon. Nov. 25

**This is part of CISD's Thanksgiving Break
but a class day for TAMUC.**

If needed Nixon catch up recorded lecture.

Wed. Nov. 27 - Fri. Nov. 29

Thanksgiving Break

Mon. Dec. 2

1980s Culture (**Final Exam Review Open**)

Wed. Dec. 4

1980s Culture/The Clinton Years

Fri. Dec. 6

The Clinton Years/1990s Society (**Women's
Rights Quiz Due**) (**Exam III Review Open**)

Mon. Dec. 9

1990s Society/The 2000s

Wed. Dec. 11

9/11 (**Exam III Opens After Class**)

Fri. Dec. 13

Exam III (Due by 11:59 PM)