

Syllabus for HIST 2112-QUP: United States History since 1877

Professor Douglas Flamming, First Short Summer Session 2020

Prerequisites: None.

All students may take this course, which counts for the Institute's mandatory U.S. Constitution credit.

Exams: THREE multiple-choice exams. Final exam is not cumulative.

Grade calculation: Average of the three exams.

Proctoring Exams: We will be using an online proctoring service contracted by the SOUP program.

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## FAQs

- **There will be one textbook to purchase.**
- **Your grade will be based on the average of three multiple-choice exams.**
- **There will be an extra-credit opportunity.**
- **You will use an electronic proctor when taking your exams.**
- This course uses Canvas. Most classroom materials, including syllabus, Powerpoint slides, course schedule (with reading assignments), and textbook study guide will be found there.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will survey major themes in U.S. history since Reconstruction. Course material will include lectures, readings, and documentary films. Students must keep pace with assigned readings in order to benefit from class lectures and discussions. The course schedule, distributed separately, will list your reading assignments as they relate to the course and the summer-term calendar.

## COURSE GOALS:

Our three basic goals in the course will be: 1) to gain a better understanding of the American past and how it continues to shape our lives; 2) to sharpen our analytical skills through critical reading, critical listening, active discussion, and frequent testing; and 3) to learn how to think historically about the world and our place in it.

## LECTURES ONLINE:

Lectures – including Powerpoint slides and documentary films – have been recorded by the Office of Professional Education. The videos will be made available for downloading

and viewing. The recorded lectures will be available on Canvas. Problems with video?  
Email the Office of Professional Education: [cdlops@pe.gatech.edu](mailto:cdlops@pe.gatech.edu).

#### EXAMS:

Tentative Exam dates: Midterm #1 – May 21 to May 26; Midterm #2 – June 3 to June 8;  
Final Exam – June 16 to June 21.

QUP students will be using an electronic exam proctor. This means you do NOT need a human proctor. In the event that students are in a place where the internet will not sustain an online proctoring system, we will need to set up an in-person proctor.

You will not take the exam at a specific time on a specific day. I will give you a window of opportunity – one week's time – during which you may complete the exam.

Exam #1 = counts for one-third of your course grade.

Exam #2 = counts for one-third of your course grade.

Final Exam = counts for one-third of your course grade. The final exam will not be cumulative.

All three exams will be multiple-choice exams, each consisting of 50 questions. Each will cover roughly one-third of the course material. Each will consist of two equal parts: Part I will cover the textbook material; Part II will cover lecture material.

A study guide for the textbook material will be posted on Canvas. There will be no study guide for lecture material; just know everything. For QUP videos, the Powerpoint slides (or documentary film) will be included in the video.

#### **The following scale will determine COURSE GRADES:**

A = 89 and above; B = 79 to 88.99; C = 69 to 78.99; D = 59 to 68.99; F = 0 to 58.99

#### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History*, Volume 2, since 1865 (Brief Fourth Edition or Brief Fifth edition; any "Seagull" editions are fine if published within the past 3-4 years; if you find a cheap FULL edition, you may use that; it won't hurt).

#### **Students are on their own to acquire the textbook.**

Professor Flamming expects all students to abide by the HONOR CODE. To be clear about Honor Code specifics for this online course:

1. All exams are closed-book, closed-note, closed EVERYTHING.
2. Food and drink are OK.

3. Other than using your laptop to take the exams, you may not use any other electronic devices any kind during your exam.