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

Prerequisites: None. All students may take this course, which counts for the Institute’s mandatory U.S. Constitution credit.

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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; there may be some modest cost associated with this.

This course uses T-square. Most classroom materials, including syllabus, Powerpoint slides, course schedule (with reading assignments), and textbook study guide will be located under the “Resources” tab.

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 -- will be recorded by the Office of Professional Education. These may be screened live, but this will be impossible for most of you. The videos will be made available for downloading and viewing; these will be available, usually, by the following day. The recorded lectures will be available on T-square as downloadable zip files. Problems with video? Email the Office of Professional Education: cdllops@pe.gatech.edu.

EXAMS:
QUP students will be using an electronic exam proctor. The past two years, for example, we used a program called ProctorU, and it worked well. I will send you an email when I
know which proctoring program we will use. To be clear: This means you do NOT need a human proctor.

There was a fee associated with ProctorU - about $20 per exam. If there is a fee for this year’s proctoring program, I sincerely apologize for the extra costs this adds to the course. We found that ProctorU made it more convenient for online students to complete the exams. If the fees present a particular hardship for you, please let us know.

You DO NOT have to take the exam at a specific time on a specific day. I will give you a window of opportunity – one week from the scheduled exam date here on campus -- during which you make 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.

QUP students in the Metro Atlanta area WILL BE allowed to take the exam with the rest of the class on the regular exam day. I will not personally proctor any QUP exams.

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 T-square. 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

As you see, there will be no rounding up.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
Eric Foner, Give Me Liberty! An American History, Volume 2, since 1865 (Brief Third Edition or Brief Fourth Edition; any “Seagull” editions are fine if published within the past 2-3 years; if you find a cheap FULL edition, you may use that; it won’t hurt). Available for purchase at Engineer’s Bookstore, B&N, or online (Kindle is OK).

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. You may not use electronic devices of any kind during your exam.
4. Students taking this course on the GT campus will, of course, take the exam at the scheduled time. **You, on the other hand, will have some lag time. As a result, it is a violation of the Honor Code for you to discuss the contents of an exam with any other student – until everyone has taken the exam and grades are posted on T-square.**