

# History 1302

## History of the United States from 1877 to present

### Course Syllabus

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Monday and Wednesday 11:00-12:15pm

#### **Required Texts:**

Murrin, Johnson, McPherson et al, *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*, Volume 2: 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

Belmonte, Laura, *Speaking of America: Volume II Since 1865*. Second Edition

Both of these are available for purchase online or in bookstore.

#### **Technical Support:**

A portion of this course will be conducted online; including lecture highlights, blackboard readings, assignments, and quizzes. As a result, it is imperative that you plan to have regular access to reliable internet. I would recommend that you NOT PLAN ON ONLY UTILIZING YOUR PHONE for this course, a computer of some sort is strongly recommended. In the event of another shutdown (due to COVID-19) the course will transition to a fully online course.

Technical Support is available through the IT Department of SPC. The Blackboard help desk can be reached via email at [blackboard@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:blackboard@southplainscollege.edu) or via phone at 806.716.2180 (M-F 8am-4pm). Technical support is for technical questions, not asking questions about this course or asking to reopen a quiz etc.

#### **Course Description:**

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 U.S. foreign policy.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

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Upon successful completion of this course, students should be familiar with the evolution of American political, social, and economic institutions and traditions from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. This would include the ability to:

- Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
- Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
- Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be familiar with the evolution of American political, social, and economic institutions and traditions and its role in the world from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. This would include the following:

- American culture
- religion
- civil and human rights
- technological change
- economic change
- immigration and migration
- urbanization and suburbanization
- the expansion of the federal government
- the study of U.S. foreign policy

## **Course Objectives:**

During this course students will be taught how to think critically, how to communicate effectively, and how to identify and practice social and personal responsibility. Class lectures and assignments will focus on these techniques and students will be given opportunities to implement the different techniques.

- critical thinking: to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
- communication: to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
- social responsibility: to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
- personal responsibility: to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

## **Civility in the Classroom:**

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In order to assure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor; students are prohibited from engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result, minimally, in a request to leave class.

Examples of inappropriate behavior include cellular phones hostile or excessively aggressive behavior towards other students or the instructor, excessive tardiness, leaving class early, making offensive remarks, prolonged chattering, reading newspapers during class, sleeping, talking out of turn, arriving late to class, dominating discussions, overt inattentiveness, etc.

## **Cheating and Plagiarism:**

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

**Cheating:** Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

**Plagiarism:** Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

The consequence of plagiarism or cheating in my classes is this: the offender(s) will be receive zero credit for the entire assignment or exam or will be automatically dropped from the class with an F.

## **Attendance Policy:**

Three (3) absences are allowed without penalty. Your fourth (4) absence will result in the reduction of your course grade by one half a letter grade. Your fifth (5) absence will result being dropped from the course.

All Students are required to read their text according to the lecture schedule below. Students should be prepared to contribute to class discussion of the lecture topics. Exams will be based on both lecture and discussion of the text, and students should maintain careful notes in order to prepare for these exams. Students are responsible for all missed reading assignments, notes etc.

The instructor reserves the right to count students absent if they are not prepared, being disruptive, or participating in class. Students are expected to follow all class procedures, including the prohibition of phones.

## **Religious Holidays**

Any student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

## **Office Hours:**

My office hours are set aside specifically for you and your fellow classmates. During this time please feel free to discuss questions from lectures or readings.

My office is just down the hall in RC316B. If you have questions concerning grades assigned on exams or other assignments please bring the assignment with you and specific questions concerning the grading.

**If you have any difficulties relating to this course, I urge you to come to see me without delay.**

### **Make-up Policy:**

No make-ups are allowed; except for extreme circumstances.

**\* ALL MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE ESSAY ONLY (4 questions).**

**FAILURE TO TAKE AN EXAM WILL RESULT IN FAILURE FOR THE SEMESTER.**

**If you miss a Blackboard assignment due date, you will not get any points for that assignment.** There will be no curves on exam grades or assignments.

### **Grading Policy:**

There will be one final exam (150 points), two mid-term examinations (100 points each), eight book quizzes (10 points each), two film assignments (75 points each), and attendance and participation (50 points total). Final grade will be calculated based upon a total possible score of 625.

562-625= "A"; 500-562 = "B"; 437-500 = "C"; 437-437= "D"; below 437 = "F".

### **COVID-19 Policy:**

It is the policy of South Plains College for the Fall 2021 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community.

In compliance with GA-38, SPC will not require any person to wear a face covering. However, we support anyone who chooses to wear a face covering to maintain safety as greater numbers of students, employees, and visitors come to our different campuses. In compliance with GA-38, SPC will not require any person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to visit our campuses or attend class. However, we strongly recommend getting the vaccine to better protect yourself and others from the COVID-19 virus.

Students, faculty, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for a 10-day period. If students, faculty, or staff test positive for COVID-19, they should contact their healthcare provider immediately to determine appropriate healthcare treatments, and they should contact DeEtte Edens to evaluate their quarantine requirements. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

Students should also contact all their instructors to notify them they will be quarantined and to receive instructional guidance from their instructor.

### **Students with Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

### **Diversity Statement:**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement:**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

### **Student Privacy:**

South Plains College is bound by the Texas Open Records Law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Information regarding these topics can be found in the South Plains College Catalog. As far as this class is concerned, I will NOT release or discuss your class performance, grades, averages, or attendance with anyone but you. This means that your parents, class counselors, principals, or any other interested party will not gain this information from me – if they need this sort of information they must ask you for it. This provision does not apply to student athletes or those for whom a grade check is part of their scholarship support.

### **Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or [email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

### **Campus Carry:**

Texas Government Code 411.2031 et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings by individuals and in accordance with Texas Government Code 411.209 (a). All holders of a valid Texas License to Carry may carry on their person a handgun that is concealed in accordance with Texas Penal Code 46.03 (a-2).

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 South Plains College policy. Individuals may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

## Lecture and Course Work Schedule

| <u>DATE</u>                  | <u>LECTURE TOPIC</u>  | <u>Readings</u>   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Week of 30 Aug.              | Course Introduction, why do we care?<br>Reconstruction          |   |
| 6 September                  | The Gilded Age  | <i>Liberty</i> 17, 18;<br><i>Speaking</i> 12                |
| Week of 13 Sept              | Changing American Landscape<br>The Second Industrial Revolution | <i>Liberty</i> 20;<br><i>Speaking</i> 13                    |
| Week of 20 Sept              | Robber Barons and Labor Movement                                | <i>Liberty</i> 19, 21; <i>Speaking</i> 14-15                |
| Week of 27 Sept              | The Progressive Era and Splendid Little War                     | <i>Liberty</i> 22; <i>Speaking</i> 16                       |
| <b>4 October</b>             | <b>EXAM ONE</b>   |   |
| 6 October                    | World War I   | <i>Liberty</i> 23; <i>Speaking</i> 17                       |
| <b>11 October</b>            | <b>FILM ASSIGNMENT ONE DUE</b>                                  |   |
| Week of 11 Oct               | 1920s and Depression  | <i>Liberty</i> 24-25; <i>Speaking</i> 18-19                 |
| Week of 18 Oct               | The World at War  | <i>Liberty</i> 26; <i>Speaking</i> 20                       |
| Week of 25 Oct               | World War II and Rebuilding Europe                              | <i>Liberty</i> 27; <i>Speaking</i> 21                       |
| <b>5 November</b>            | <b>EXAM TWO</b>   |   |
| Week of 8 Nov                | Truman, Korea and Containment                                   | <i>Liberty</i> 27; <i>Speaking</i> 22                       |
| Week of 15 Nov<br>and 22 Nov | A New Generation takes over/Civil Rights                        | <i>Liberty</i> 28; <i>Speaking</i> 23                       |
| <b>24-27 November</b>        | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>                                       |   |
| Week of 29 Nov               | JFK, LBJ and Vietnam  | <i>Liberty</i> 29, 30; <i>Speaking</i> 24                   |
| <b>6 December</b>            | <b>FILM ASSIGNMENT TWO DUE</b>                                  |   |
| Week of 3 May                | End of the Cold War and War on Terror                           | <i>Liberty</i> 31; <i>Liberty</i> 32;<br><i>Speaking</i> 25 |

**Final Exam**  
Wednesday 13 December at 10:15-12:15pm

**\*\*This is a preliminary schedule subject to change, as the instructor deems necessary.  
The instructor will make repeated announcements of any changes. \*\***