

History 2312: History of the United States since 1877

Spring 2019
111 Stabler Hall
Tues/Thurs 10.50-12.05, 12.15-1.30
Office hours: Tuesday 2-3pm and by appointment

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this class we will learn about the history of the United States since 1877. We will focus on political, economic, and cultural changes, and we will examine the contested role of the federal government in different periods of American history. We will also read several primary texts from different places and time periods.

GRADES

Three exams: 75% (25% each)
Class participation: 25%

The exams will cover a section of the class. The exams are not cumulative.

BOOK

Jane Dailey, *Building the American Republic: Volume 2, A Narrative History from 1877* (2018)
(free digital version available on our Blackboard site; recommended paperback version available at the book store)

ATTENDANCE

You can miss three classes without any questions. After that your grade can be lowered for each additional absence (four missed classes, down one grade, etc). You cannot pass the class if you miss eight classes or more.

Students with Disabilities:

Your success in this class is important to me, and it is the policy and practice of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to create inclusive learning environments consistent with federal and state law. If you have a documented disability (or need to have a disability documented), and need an accommodation, please contact me privately as soon as possible, so that we can discuss with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) how to meet your specific needs and the requirements of the course. The DRC offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process among you, your instructor(s) and the DRC. Thus, if you have a disability, please contact me and/or the DRC, at 501-569-3143 (V/TTY) or 501-683-7629 (VP). For more information, please visit the DRC website at www.ualr.edu/disability.

SCHEDULE

Part 1: 1877-1928 (Chapters 1-4)

Week 1: Introduction

Tuesday (January 22): Introduction

Thursday (January 24): Railroads and Workers

Week 2: Chapter 1: Incorporation, 1877-1900

Tuesday (January 29): **No class**

Thursday (January 31): Reform and Equality

Week 3: Chapter 2: Interconnected, 1898-1914

Tuesday (February 5): Empire and Theodore Roosevelt

Thursday (February 7): Progressives, the State, and New Freedoms

Week 4: Chapter 3: War, 1914-1924

Tuesday (February 12): The Great War

Thursday (February 14): Progressives, Reconstruction, the Roaring Twenties

Week 5: Chapter 4: Vertigo, 1920-1928

Tuesday (February 19): Science, Religion, and A Coercive State

Thursday (February 21): **Exam in class**

Part II: 1928-1965 (chapters 5-8)

Week 6: Depression, 1928-1938 (chapter 5)

Tuesday: (February 26): Depression and the First New Deal

Thursday (February 28): The Second New Deal

Week 7: Assertion, 1938-1946 (chapter 6)

Tuesday (March 5): The Home Front

Thursday (March 7): The Second World War

Week 8: Containment, 1946-1953 (chapter 7)

Tuesday (March 12): The Cold War, Civil Rights, and the Consumers' Republic

Thursday (March 14): **No class**

Week 9: March 19, 21: happy spring break—no class

Week 10: At Odds, 1954-1965 (chapter 8)

Tuesday (March 26): Divided America

Thursday (March 28): Civil Rights

Week 11: The World in 1965

Tuesday (April 2): **Exam in class**

Thursday (April 4): **No class**

Part III: 1865 to 2016

Week 12: Riven, 1965-1968 (Chapter 9)

Tuesday (April 9): The Great Society and the Vietnam War

Thursday (April 11): The 1960s

Week 13: Breakdown, 1968-1974 (Chapter 10)

Tuesday (April 16): War and Social Upheaval

Thursday (April 18): The Silent Majority and Women's Rights

Week 14: Right, 1974-1989 (Chapter 11)

Tuesday (April 23): Economics and the California Model of Politics

Thursday (April 25): Reagan and the Cold War

Week 15: Vulnerable, 1989-2001, and Forward, 2001-2016 (chapters 12 and 13)

Tuesday (April 30): A History of the Recent Past

Thursday (May 2): **Exam in class**