

History 2312: History of the United States since 1877

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Online office hours (phone or skype):
By appointment

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

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. For the official course objectives, see:

<https://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2013/12/HIST-2312-US-History-Since-1877.pdf>

GRADES

Four exams: 48% (12 points for each exam, for a total of 48 points)
Class participation: 48% (12 points for discussion in each section, for a total of 48 points)
Last assignment: 4% (4 points for the last assignment due at the end of the course)

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; a recommended paperback version is available at the book store)

ATTENDANCE

You need to contribute to each week's question on the Discussion Board. If you miss more than two week's discussion, your grade can be lowered for each additional absence (four missed classes, down one grade, etc). You cannot pass the class if you miss four weeks of discussion.

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

Section 1: 1877-1924 (Chapters 1-3)

Week 1: Introduction (Aug 19-23)

Start reading: no assignment this week.

Week 2: Chapter 1: Incorporation, 1877-1900 (Aug 26-30)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 3: Chapter 2: Interconnected, 1898-1914 (Sept 3-6)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 4: Chapter 3: War, 1914-1924 (Sept 9-13)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

First exam during week 4 covering chapters 1-3.

Section 2: 1924-1946

Week 5: Chapter 4: Vertigo, 1920-1928 (Sept 16-20)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 6: Chapter 5: Depression, 1928-1938 (Sept 23-27)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 7: Chapter 6: Assertion, 1938-1946 (Sept 30-Oct 4)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Second exam during week 7 covering chapters 4-6.

Week 8: Mid-term week for catching up (Oct 7-11)

We do not have any assignments this week.

Section 3: 1946-1968

Week 9: Chapter 7: Containment, 1946-1953 (Oct 14-18)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 10: Chapter 8: At Odds, 1954-1965 (Oct 21-25)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 11: Chapter 9: Riven, 1965-1968 (Oct 28-Nov 1)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Third exam during week 11 covering chapters 7-9.

Section 4: 1968-2001

Week 12: Chapter 10: Breakdown, 1968-1974 (Nov 4-8)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 13: Chapter 11: Right, 1974-1989 (Nov 11-15)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Week 14: Chapter 12: Vulnerable, 1989-2001 (Nov 18-22)

Assignments: read the chapter, watch the instructor videos, and contribute to the class discussion board.

Fourth exam during week 14 covering chapters 10-12.

Week 15: Thanksgiving break and catch up (Nov 25-29)

No assignments this week: happy Thanksgiving!

Last Assignment:

Last assignment on chapter 13 due Monday, December 9, at noon.