

HISTORY 12 SPRING 2000--U.S. HISTORY SINCE 1865

INSTRUCTOR: FRANK M. LUNA

TIME: 6:00p.m.-8:50p.m.--W--REEDLEY COLLEGE

REQUIRED TEXT: AMERICAN HISTORY, A SURVEY, VOLUME II: SINCE 1865. 10th edition,
by Alan Brinkley.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will examine the history of the United States of America from the aftermath of the Civil War in 1865 to the present. Among the various topics and themes to be discussed and analyzed will be: Reconstruction, the settlement of the West, the industrial transformation, immigration, the rise of the U.S. as a global power, progressivism, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the post-World War period, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, Watergate, the post-Cold War period, the U.S. today, and prospectives for the future as we enter the next millenium.

The structure of the course will be lecture and discussion; you will be encouraged to participate in the discussion portion of the class. To facilitate this process, supplemental readings will be distributed periodically.

The purpose of this course is to analyze the past as objectively as possible so that we might be given an insight into the present. History is more than just memorizing names and dates; its purpose is to provide us with an understanding of the Human Condition--past and present. If we can gain an understanding of those who have lived before us, we can understand ourselves better and the world in which we live. It is in this sense that historical interpretation and analysis is relevant--what has happened in the past has a direct bearing on us today.

GRADING: Your grade will be determined by these criteria:

- 1) EXAMINATIONS: You will be given a total of 5 examinations throughout the semester, including the final. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE FINAL. With the exception of the final, your lowest score will be dropped. A missed exam will count as your dropped score--no exceptions!! If you miss more than one exam, please note that make-up exams are allowed only with proper documentation, e.g., proof of hospitalization. Permission to take a make-up exam is left to the discretion of your instructor. Each exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions (weighted 1.5 points each, total = 75 points), plus a choice of one essay question (25 points), totalling 100 points for each exam. A study guide will be given to you prior to each exam. Consult your study guides very carefully.

Total possible points for exams: 100 pts. x 4 exams = 400 points.

- 2) QUIZZES: As an incentive to keep pace with the assigned readings, 5 quizzes will be given throughout the semester. Your lowest score will be dropped. A missed quiz will count as your dropped score--no exceptions!! Each quiz will be either a combination of 10 multiple choice/True-False questions OR you will be asked to summarize a portion of a chapter in a brief essay. The quizzes may be announced in advance, or they may be given without warning. All quizzes will be given at the beginning of each day's meeting, so try to be on time. If you are late when a quiz is given, you may take it after the class meeting--but only at that time. Absence from an entire day's meeting when a quiz is administered will result in your dropped quiz. Each quiz will be worth 10 points.

Total possible points for quizzes: 10 pts. x 4 quizzes = 40 points.

- 3) TERM PAPER: You will be required to submit a minimum 6-page double-spaced typed term paper on some aspect of historical interpretation within the time frame we will be covering. TOPICS MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH YOUR INSTRUCTOR. Late papers will be deducted a minimum 1 letter grade for each week missed. TERM PAPERS ARE DUE MAY 3. A guideline for these papers will be given at a later time.

Total possible points for the term paper: 100 points.

It is expected that students keep pace with the course work and show satisfactory progress. At the 9th week of instruction students will receive a mid-term grade report so a determination can be made whether or not to drop the class before the drop deadline.

GRADING SUMMARY:

EXAMS = 400 points
QUIZZES = 40 points
TERM PAPER = 100 points
540 total possible points.

Based on 540 total points, your semester grade will be determined as follows:

90% and above = A
80 to 89% = B
70 to 79% = C
60 to 69% = D
59% and below = F

ATTENDANCE: In order to succeed in this course, regular attendance is a must. Each day's meeting will consist of 2 sessions with 1 break of approximately 10 minutes. Attendance will be taken at each session. Please note that STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN 4 ABSENCES (THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO WEEKS) WILL BE DROPPED! REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE A GRADE AFTER THE DROP DATE (FRIDAY, MARCH 10). IN THE CASE OF THIS COURSE, THAT GRADE WILL BE AN "F." Please note that no extra credit will be allowed for this course.

FINAL COMMENTS: You do not have to be a history major to do well in this course. You simply need to work consistently: keeping pace with the reading assignments, taking notes on the lectures, participating in class discussions, knowing the study guides, attending class on a regular basis, and doing the research and writing of your term paper early-- not on the night before it is due. If you accomplish the above you should do well. Finally, if you have any questions, ask!

TENTATIVE OUTLINE

January

- 12 W introduction
19 W Ch. 15
[21 F Last day to drop a semester-length course & qualify for a refund.]
26 W Ch. 16
[28 F Last day to register for Spring semester-length course.]

February

- 2 W Ch. 17
9 W **EXAM** on Ch. 15, 16, 17.
[11 F Last day to change a course to or from CR/NC grading option.]
16 W Lecture on (pp. 651-657); Ch. 20.
23 W (pp. 728-731); (pp. 738-743); Ch. 22.

March

- 1 W Ch. 23
8 W **EXAM** on (pp. 651-657), Ch. 20, (pp. 728-731), (pp. 738-743), Ch. 22, Ch. 23.
Lecture on Ch. 24.
[10 F **LAST DAY TO DROP A SEMESTER-LENGTH COURSE.**]
15 W Ch. 25
22 W Ch. 26
29 W **EXAM** on Ch. 24, 25, 26. Lecture on Ch. 27.

April

- 5 W Ch. 28
12 W Ch. 29
19 W [No Class]
26 W **EXAM** on Ch. 27, 28, 29. Lecture on (pp. 1015-1025), Ch. 31.

May

- 3 W **TERM PAPERS DUE.** Ch. 32
10 W Ch. 33; (pp. 1127-1132).
17 W **FINAL EXAM, 6:00p.m.-8:50p.m.,** on (pp. 1015-1025), Ch. 31, Ch. 32, Ch. 33,
(pp. 1127-1132).