

# Course Syllabus

## U.S. 1890 to the Present

### HIST 2112

Mon/Wed 8:00AM - 9:15AM  
9:30AM - 10:45AM

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#### Course Objectives:

As part of the General Education Program at Kennesaw State University, this course is designed to provide students with basic knowledge of world history expected of an educated resident living in the U.S. We will look at U.S. history from 1890 to the present day. This survey course will help students develop an appreciation of people, cultures and traditions that have contributed to the fabric of American society.

#### WebCT/Vista/Blackboard/GeorgiaView:

This course is supplemented through Web CT/Vista (Web Course Tools). This course requires all students to use the Internet to access some supplemental materials and information housed on our class WebCT/Vista site. **All students should be computer literate and proficient in this class.** If you do not have a computer at home, the University Library or Computer Labs are good places to access the WebCT site, as well as, prepare any written materials required in this course. (<http://webct.kennesaw.edu>).

PreRequisite: **Successful completion of English 1101 with a minimum grade of a "C."**

#### Attendance

**Attendance is an essential and required part of participation in this class.** Since this is a full semester course, and the material covered will be in broader scope, **any and all absences, however, will be taken into consideration when calculating the final grade.** **If you must miss a class it will be your responsibility to get class notes, handouts, or any announcements from your fellow classmates.** **Consistent absence from class will result in a failing grade for the course.** **ALL absences count.** **All absences will be factored into attendance grade.** **Additionally, falling asleep in class will constitute an absence - no exceptions.**

## Electronic Equipment and Disruptive Behaviors:

It is essential that we conduct class with the minimum of interruptions, particularly the electronic kind. **No beepers, cell phones or PDA interruptions will be permitted, text messaging included; turn this equipment off upon entering the classroom or risk losing 5% off of your final grade for each interruption.** If you have an emergency that requires accessibility you must clear it with the instructor in advance.

Some examples of disruptive behaviors include arriving late and/or leaving early, moving around and/or leaving the classroom, talking to your neighbor, sleeping or reading unrelated materials, surfing the Web, playing games, or reading your email during class time. **If you cannot make a commitment to attend classes regularly and with focused energy, withdraw from this course.** Please **do not enter the class if you are more than 15 minutes late.** Failure to comply with these requests will not only result in a penalty towards your attendance (e.g. two tardies/ leaving early, etc. count as one absence), but may also result in your dismissal from the classroom.

## Course Requirements:

**Textbook:** All readings will be assigned from James L. Roark, et al, *The American Promise: A History of the United States, Volume II: From 1865, Fourth Edition* (Bedford/St. Martins, 2005). Additionally, a supplemental reader is bundled you're your text. *Reading the American Past: Selected Historical Documents, Volume II: From 1865* by Michael P. Johnson is bundled with your text at no additional charge. This reader offers primary documents to enhance your understanding of each topic. Other supplemental materials may be distributed in class, posted on WebCT/Vista, or assigned on an ad hoc basis.

Any assignments to be turned in must be word processed, stapled, and in presentable form. All assignments to be turned in are due at the beginning of the class period. **Any unstapled assignments will be penalized with a 10% reduction in grade.**

**NO COMPUTER EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Students should complete and print their assignments **well before** the date due. Problems with computers and/or printers can be remedied by using one of the computer labs located on campus. After hours computer services are available (for a fee) at any Kinko's location (which is open 24 hours, seven days a week). **A hard copy turned in for grading is required.** Do not email papers unless specifically instructed to do so.

**Exams:** Most exams can include multiple choice, matching, and True/False including the final. The multiple choice questions will come from lecture, the text, video presentations, and any additional readings assigned, **therefore, reading the material will be very important to your success in this class.** There may be an essay exam, as well, details will be forthcoming.

There will be two multiple choice geography exams (to be announced). These will consist of maps included in your textbook. You will have ample time to study for each exam and will be expected to identify locations, countries, kingdoms, rivers, mountain ranges, etc. on ScanTron sheets.

There will be **ABSOLUTELY NO MAKE-UP EXAMS** unless your situation is truly exceptional. You must make every effort to be present in class each day that class is scheduled! Missed exams will be dealt with according to the discretion of the instructor. If a make-up is deemed appropriate it must be taken within two class sessions. At best, you will have a smaller sample from which to calculate an average for your final grade.

**Video Participation:** Video worksheets are on **WebVista/GeorgiaView**. **You must print these off and have them with you** in class. These worksheets are to be completed during presentations of the videos shown in class. Please write your responses in full, complete sentences as this fulfills your writing requirement. The videos are a means of visually conveying the spirit of particular time periods that portrayed. **There are no make-ups** on them, as the videos cannot be loaned out individually, you must be present. If you miss a video you lose the points associated with the missed worksheet.

**In Summary,** your grade will be calculated based on the following:

Multiple Choice Exams	70%
Geography Quizzes	20%
Video Participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%

**Grading:** Grading is on a 10-point system where:  
A= 90 to 100, B= 80 to 89, C= 70 to 79, D= 60 to 69, and F= Below 60

If there is a question concerning any grades, the student must submit a typed request explaining the concern to the instructor **within one week** of receiving the graded assignment or test. The instructor will consider the request and schedule a meeting with the student if necessary. After one week, the instructor will consider all matters concerning grades closed and will no longer discuss previous grades.

## Professional Expectations:

The college classroom is considered a **professional setting**. You are beginning your professional careers in the classroom. This requires that you assess your attitudes and develop your professional personalities and demeanors. The university setting requires that you conduct yourself with diligence in your assignments and with social maturity, both in the classroom and in terms of your academic responsibilities. All higher education carries with it the **expectation of deeper analysis and critical thinking**. Coursework is not typically easy nor is it meager in quantity. You have made a choice in course load; there are corresponding consequences in that workload. Whatever your choices, you are expected to fulfill your responsibilities in all of your classes.

## University Policy on Student Honesty

A person's reputation is their most prized possession, and one, which the individual has sole control over. Academic honesty is a choice of honest people. Below is the Kennesaw State University policy for academic honesty. Please read carefully as it pertains to all of us here at KSU.

Every student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University policy regarding plagiarism, cheating, unauthorized access to University materials; misrepresentation/ falsification of University records or academic work; malicious removal, retention or destruction of library materials; malicious/ intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services; and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an informal resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct's minimum on year suspension requirement.

**Cheating and plagiarism will result in an automatic failing class grade. There is zero tolerance for either cheating or plagiarism.** If you do not know whether you are plagiarizing there are resources available to assist you in determining your course of action. In addition to the Writing Center (Rm 242 Humanities), the following websites are available for on-line assistance:

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/plagiarism.html>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

<http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/plagiar.html>

### **A. Plagiarism and Cheating**

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.) When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated; when the language, ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged.

The preceding statements are from the Student Handbook can be viewed on-line for further verification by going to:

[http://www.kennesaw.edu/inst\\_res/2001gcat/2000gpolic.html#Academic%20Honesty](http://www.kennesaw.edu/inst_res/2001gcat/2000gpolic.html#Academic%20Honesty)

All students are **strongly encouraged to refer and read the full text of the Student Code of Conduct**. If you have any questions regarding academic honesty as it relates to this or any other of your classes consult the Student Code and discuss any further concerns with your instructor.

**The instructor reserves the right to make substantive changes to the syllabus at any point during the semester.**

## Class Schedule - Fall Semester 2009

### 8:00AM, and 9:30AM Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Chapters	Additional Material	Reading Recommendations
Mon, Aug 17	Orientation Reconstruction 1863 - 1877	Chapter 16	How much do you know about contemporary U.S. history? Movie Recommendation: <i>Gone with the Wind</i>	<i>Articles of Confederation</i> And <i>The U.S. Constitution with Amendments</i>
Wed, Aug 19	The Contested West 1870 - 1900	Finish Ch 16  Chapter 17		<i>Buffalo Bill's Wild West: A Photographic History</i> By Gertrude Kasebier
Mon, Aug 24	Bus & Pol in the Gilded Age 1870 - 1895	Finish Ch 17  Chapter 18	Movie Recommendation: <i>Wizard of Oz</i> Music - <i>Victorian Dinner Music</i>	<i>The Gilded Age</i> by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner
Fri, Aug 21	END OF	DROP /	ADD Week	Begin Official Attendance Count
Wed, Aug 26	City and Its Workers 1870 - 1900	Finish Ch 18  Chapter 19		<i>Bartelby the Scrivener</i> By Herman Melville
Mon, Aug 31	Dissent, Depression, and War 1890 - 1900	Finish Ch 19  Chapter 20	Video- <i>Seeds of Change</i>	<i>Hawaii</i> By James Michener
Wed, Sept 2	Progressivism from the Grass Roots to White	Finish Ch 20		<i>The Strenuous Life</i> By Theodore

	House 1890 - 1916	Chapter 21		Roosevelt
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day	Holiday	No Classes KSU Holiday Use this time wisely!	Good time to catch up on classwork!
Wed, Sept 9	World War I: Progressive Crusade at Home/Abroad 1914 - 1920	Finish Ch 21  Chapter 22	<b>Geog Quiz on Map 22.4</b> (Map of Continental US - Lower 48)	Woodrow Wilson and the Roots of Modern Liberalism By Ronald J. Pestritto
Mon, Sept 14	World War I: Progressive Crusade at Home/Abroad 1914 - 1920	Chapter 22	Music of the Roaring 20's	Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World By Margaret MacMillan
Wed, Sept 16	From New Era to Great Depression 1920-1932	Finish Ch 22  Chapter 23	Video- Demon Rum	The Forgotten Man By Amity Shlaes
<b>Mon, Sept 21</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>Chapters 16 through 22</b>	<b>Multiple Choice</b>	
Wed, Sept 23	From New Era to Great Depression 1920-1932	Chapter 23	<b>Music - Best of the 1930's</b> Video- Demon Rum	
Mon, Sept 28	The New Deal Experiment 1932-1939	Chapter 24		
Wed, Sept 30	The New Deal Experiment	Chapter 24		
Mon, Oct	United States & WWII	Chapter 25	Homefront Artifacts	Inside Hitler's Greece: The

5	1939-1945			Experience of Occupation, 1941-1944 by Mark Mazower
Wed, Oct 7	United States & WWII		Music - <b>GI's and the Big Band Sounds of the 1940's</b> Video - Pearl Harbor	
Mon, Oct 12	Cold War Politics in the Truman Years 1945-1953	Chapter 26		
Oct 12	Last Day to	Drop W/out	Academic	Penalty
Wed, Oct 14	Cold War Politics in the Truman Years 1945-1953	Chapter 26		American Gunfight: The Plot to Kill Harry Truman by Stephen Hunter and John Bainbridge
Mon, Oct 19	The Politics and Culture of Abundance 1952-1960	Chapter 27	Music - <b>Nifty Fifty's</b>	
Wed, Oct 21	The Politics and Culture of Abundance 1952-1960	Chapter 27		
Mon, Oct 26	The Politics and Culture of Abundance 1952-1960		Video - The Century: Decades of Change Happy Days	The Age of Abundance by Brink Lindsey
Wed, Oct 28	<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>Chapters 23 through 27</b>	<b>Multiple Choice</b>	

Mon, Nov 2	Reform, Rebellion, and Reaction 1960-1974	Chapter 28	Music - The 1960's	Anarchy, Protest, and Rebellion by Gloria S McDarrah
Wed, Nov 4	Reform, Rebellion, and Reaction 1960-1974		Video - The Butter Battle Book	
Mon, Nov 9	Vietnam and the Limits of Power 1961-1975	Chapter 29	Movie Recommendation: Apocalypse Now Music - Sounds of Protest	Vietnam War Experience by Gerry Souter
Wed, Nov 11	Vietnam and the Limits of Power 1961-1975		Video- The Century: The Approaching Apocalypse	
Mon, Nov 16	America Moves to the Right 1969-1989	Chapter 30	Music - The 1980's	Firewall: The Iran-Contra Conspiracy and Cover Up by Lawrence E Walsh
Wed, Nov 18	America Moves to the Right 1969-1989		Movie Recommendation: Charlie Wilson's War	
Mon, Nov 23	Thanksgiving	Holiday	No Classes	Great time to begin preparing for those dreaded finals! Yuk!
Mon, Nov 30	Challenges of Globalization Since 1989	Chapter 31	Music - The 1990's	The Post- American World by Fareed Zakaria
Wed, Dec 2	Challenges of Globalization Since 1989		Movie Recommendation: Syriana	Last Day of Class!

Dec 7	9:30 Class Final	Rm 3029	Chapters 28 through 31	<b>Required for passing grade!</b>
Dec 9	8:00 Class Final	Rm 2034	Chapters 28 through 31	<b>Required for passing grade!</b>

Students are responsible for **all materials including those readings not covered in class.**

Instructor reserves the right to make substantive changes to the above schedule with one class period's notice and/or posting on WebCT/Vista/Blackboard/GeorgiaView.

**Always check WebCT/Vista/Blackboard/GeorgiaView for announcements and changes to class schedule.**

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