

History 2112
American History Since 1865

Maymester 2007

Class meets: Daily, 9:30A-12:15P

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This survey course is designed to focus special attention on selected themes in U.S. history since 1865. We will begin by examining the aftermath of the war between the states and the legacy of Reconstruction. A brief discussion of industrialization, immigration, and urbanization will be followed by an analysis of World War I, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, America's involvement in World War II, the origins of the U.S.-Soviet cold war, and the Korean conflict. The remainder of the course will be devoted to an assessment of American foreign and domestic policy during the Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson administrations, paying particular attention to the war in Vietnam and the civil rights movement. We will conclude the course with a discussion of the Nixon, Carter, and Reagan years, and, time permitting, we will come as close to the present as possible.

Grading

Exam #1 (May 22) 25%

Exam #2 (May 29) 25%

Final Exam (June 5) 50%

Reading Schedule:

The two books required for the course (O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* and Pratt's *We Shall Not Be Moved*) will be included on the final exam.

Attendance and Grading:

Students are expected to attend, and actively participate in all class sessions. Because other students are waiting to add this course, any student absent for the first day of class will be presumed to have withdrawn from the course, and will be dropped from the class roll. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Tape recorders or other listening devices are expressly forbidden in this class. Students caught using such devices in violation of this directive will be summarily dismissed from this course and dropped from the class roll. Please **turn off** your **cell phones** upon entering the classroom.

Blue Books will be required for all exams. No make-up exams will be given unless you have a personal or family emergency, which must be cleared through the Office of Student Affairs.

Academic dishonesty: If you're caught cheating, you will face stiff sanctions, and the matter will be pursued through the Office of Academic Affairs. Frankly, it's not worth it, so do it at your own risk.

This syllabus contains all of the due dates for this course, and unless I notify you otherwise, the dates specified on the syllabus will be adhered to. You are responsible for keeping up with all due dates. Should you misplace this syllabus, I'll be happy to give you another. Ignorance of the law---or due dates--is no excuse.

Finally, Maymester is intense, and I will cover a lot of material each day. You cannot afford to fall behind.