# HISTORY 162: UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1877 SPRING 2018

Mondays & Wednesdays,

1:30-2:45 p.m.

or

3-4:15 p.m.

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OFFICE HRS: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon & 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

& by appointment

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#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Survey of the economic, political, intellectual, and social development of the United States, including the place of the United States in world affairs, from 1877 to the present.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

**Optional:** David M. Kennedy, Lizabeth Cohen, & Mel Piehl, *The Brief American Pageant*, Lexington, Massachusetts: D.C. Heath & Company (**ANY EDITION**), volume 2; **on reserve in the campus library**.

**Required**: Marsha C. Markman, Jonathan Boe, & Susan Corey, eds. *The American Journey: United States History Through Letters and Diaries* (St. James, New York:

Brandywine Press, 2003), **Volume 2.** (as low as \$5.36 with shipping on Amazon.com)

**Required**: Course Binder with **essential** course materials

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#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To introduce students to the basic themes in American social, economic, political, and diplomatic history since 1877;
- 2. To use primary sources to better understand historical issues and events;
- 3. To learn U.S. and world geography as it relates to the study of American history;
- 4. To provide opportunities for analysis and critical discussion of historical issues and interpretations of the past.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

Week #1 Mon., Jan. 15: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY

Wed., Jan. 17: Syllabus Review &

A Brief Sketch of the United States in 1877

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Week #2	Mon., Jan. 22:	Causes of the American Industrial Revolution, 1877-1900
******	Wed., Jan. 24:	Causes of the Industrial Revolution (continued) ************************************
Week #3	Mon., Jan. 29	Impact of the American Industrial Revolution, 1877-1900  MAP QUIZ
*****	Wed., Jan. 31:	Impact of the Industrial Revolution (continued) ************************************
Week #4	Mon., Feb. 5:	Impact of the Industrial Revolution (continued)
	Wed., Feb. 7:	National Politics & Attempted Reforms, 1877-1900 <b>REVIEW SHEET #1 DUE</b>
	Fri., Feb. 9:	Optional review session, 1:30 p.m., in A131 (sessions last about an hour)
Week #5	Mon., Feb. 12:	EXAM #1 (first 45 mins. of class) National Politics & Attempted Reforms (continued)
*****	Wed., Feb. 14:	National Politics & Attempted Reforms (continued) ************************************
Week #6	Mon., Feb. 19:	Becoming a World Power, 1877-1916  Reading Quiz #1 on chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10 in  The American Journey
	Wed., Feb. 21:	Becoming a World Power, 1877-1916
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Week #7	Mon., Feb. 26:	The Progressive Era
******	Wed., Feb. 28:	The Progressive Era, 1900-1916 (continued) ************************************
Week #8	Mon., March 5:	The United States in World War I
	Wed. March 7:	The United States in World War I (continued) REVIEW SHEET #2 DUE
	Fri., March 9	Optional review session, 3:00 p.m. in A131
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Week #9	Mon., March 12 Wed., March 14	SPRING BREAK
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Week #10	Mon., March 19:	<b>EXAM #2</b> (first 45 minutes of class) The United States in World War I (continued)
*****	Wed., March 21:	The 1920s
Week #11	Mon., March 26:	The 1920s (continued) Reading Quiz #2 on chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17 in The American Journey
*****	Wed., March 28:	The 1920s (continued)
Week #12	Mon., April 2:	The Great Depression, 1929-1940
*****	Wed., April 4:	The Great Depression (continued) ************************************
Week #13	Mon., April 9:	The Great Depression (continued)
	Wed., April 11:	The United States in World War II, 1941-45 REVIEW SHEET #3 DUE
*****	Fri., April 13:	Optional review session, 1:30 p.m. in room A131
Week #14	Mon., April 16:	<b>EXAM #3</b> (first 45 minutes of class) The United States in World War II (continued)
*****	Wed., April 18:	The United States in World War II (continued)
Week #15	Mon., April 23:	The Cold War, 1945-1992 Reading Quiz #3 on chapters 18, 21, 23, 30, and 31 in <i>The American Journey</i>
*****	Wed., April 25:	The Cold War (continued)
Week #16	Mon., April 30:	Civil Rights & Politics, 1945-1975 Optional Extra Credit projects due
	Wed., May 2:	Civil Rights & Politics (continued) REVIEW SHEET #4 DUE
*****	Fri., May 4:	Optional review session, 1:30 p.m. in room A131
Week #17	Mon., May 7:	<b>EXAM #4</b> 4:30 p.m. for the 4:30 p.m. class
*****	Wed., May 9:	EXAM #4  3:00 p.m. for the 3:00 p.m. class  **********************************

#### SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS SCHEDULE

<u>DUE DATE</u>	ASSIGNMENT DUE	% OF FINAL GRADE
WEEK #3: Mon., Jan. 29	Map Quiz	5%
WEEK #4: Wed., Feb. 7	Review Sheet #1	2.5%
WEEK #5: Mon., Feb. 12	Exam #1	15%
WEEK #6: Mon., Feb. 19	Reading Quiz #1	5%
WEEK #8: Wed., March 7	Review Sheet #2	2.5%
WEEK #10: Mon., March 19	Exam #2	15%
WEEK #11: Mon., March 26	Reading Quiz #2	5%
WEEK #13: Wed., April 11	Review Sheet #3	2.5%
WEEK #14: Mon., April 16	Exam #3	15%
WEEK #15: Mon., April 23	Reading Quiz #3	5%
WEEK #16: Mon., April 30	Optional Extra Credit	+1
WEEK #16: Wed., May 2	Review Sheet #4	2.5%
WEEK #17: Wed., May 7 or	9 Exam #4	25%
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#### **GRADE LEVELS**

## FOR EXAMS, TAKE-HOME ESSAYS, & FINAL COURSE GRADES

98-100 : A+: Students must have a 98 or above average & do an extra credit paper to earn an A+ for the course.

93-97 : A	83-87 : B	70-77 : C	60-67 : D
90-92 : A-	80-82 : B-	no C-	no D-
88-89 : B+	78-79 : C+	68-69 : D+	0-59 : F

## **REVIEW SHEETS**

Review sheets are to help you prepare for exams. Every exam question will be based on information on your review sheet.

Your four review sheets are due on the dates listed above.

Completed review sheets are due on the Wednesdays prior to each exam, as listed on the course schedule. Review sheets are not corrected, but are graded in the following manner:

- A for review sheets that are **completely done**
- C for review sheets that are **mostly done**
- D for review sheets that are partly done
- F for review sheets that are **not submitted**

#### **EXAMS**

Regularly scheduled exams are objective and include the following 4 parts:

Part 2: 30 Short Answer Questions..... 60 points

Part 3: 5 Historical Map Questions...... 5 points Part 4: 5 Historical Periods Questions... 5 points

TOTAL 100 points

Prior or make-up exams are *essay exams* and are generally considered more difficult.

## **OUIZZES**

There are 4 quizzes: a map quiz and 3 reading quizzes.

Reading review sheets will be distributed before each reading quiz.

**Reading quizzes are open book** so you are encouraged to not only read the assigned chapters, but also mark them up to remind yourself about what is most important.

## CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students are not graded on their class participation. However, those who participate regularly and well will benefit if they are within one point of the next higher grade level. In such a case the student would receive the higher grade. For example, if a student had an 89 average and had participated regularly and well he/she would receive an A- rather than a B+ for the course.

## PAIR & SHARE MOMENTS

You will be asked to identify a person sitting near you to be your Pair and Share Partner.

Periodically, questions will be asked in class that you will discuss briefly with your Pair and Share Partner. After a few moments of discussion (called Pair and Share Moments), you may be asked to share your small group's ideas with the class as a whole. In this way we'll try to get as many people as possible involved in class discussions.

#### EXTRA CREDIT

Students can earn *one extra credit point* to be added to your final average in one of three different ways:

1. Movies (available in our campus library). Watch one of the following movies and write a one-page reaction paper:

"Good Night and Good Luck"

"Adalante, Mujeres!:

"All Quiet on the Western Front"

"All the King's Men"

"Alone on the Ice: The Story of

Admiral Richard Byrd"

"Chicano"

(any one or more of 4 videos in

the series)

"Crime and Punishment in

America"

"Eyes on the Prize" (any one or more of 6 videos in the series)

"Inherit the Wind"

"In Their Words: New Mexico Veterans of World War II"

"The Kennedys"

"The March of Time" (any one or more of the 16 videos in the series)

"Mayhem Was Our Business:

Memories of a World War II Veteran"

"Selma"

"The History of Mexican-

American Women in the U.S."

"All the President's Men"

"Dances With Wolves"

"The Day After Trinity"

"Doing Time"

"Doing Time: 10 Years Later"

"Flags of Our Fathers"

"Ghosts of Mississippi"

"The Grapes of Wrath"

"Historic Route 66"

"Hollywood on Trial"

"In Search of Bin Laden"

"Jazz"

"LBJ: A Biography"

"Making Sense of the 60s"

"Milagro Beanfield War"

"Mississippi Burning"

"The 1900 House"

"Platoon"

"McCarthy: Death of a Witch Hunter"
"New Mexico's Nuclear Enchantment"
"Page 12's Control 1010 Lost Page"

"People's Century: 1919, Lost Peace"

"Remembering Los Alamos"

"The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow"
"The Story of Elizabeth Cady

Stanton and Susan B. Anthony"
"The 10 Most Important People

of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"

"Trinity and Beyond"

"We Were There: Seven Survivors of the Holocaust

"World War II Battle Force"

(one or more of 6 videos in the series)

"Suffragette"

"The Road to Brown"
"Rough Riders"
"Salt of the Earth"
"Saving Private Ryan"

"Red Sky at Morning"

"The Story of G.I. Joe"

"That War in Korea"

"13 Days"
"Titanic"
"Wings"

"Trinity: Getting the Job Done"
"The West" (one or more of 9

videos in the series)

"War Horse"

2. Read one of the following historical novels and write a one-page reaction paper.

Edward Bellamy, Looking Backward
Ole Rolvaag, Giants on the Earth
Upton Sinclair, The Jungle
John Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath

Sinclair Lewis, *Babbit*Henry Roth, *Call It Sleep*R. P. Warren, *All the King's Men*Victor Villasenor, *Rain of Gold* 

- 3. Attend a historical lecture and write a one-page reaction paper
- 4. *Or* attend all of our 4 optional review sessions before exams

Anyone can do an extra credit project, but it is required in order to earn an A+ in the course. Extra credit papers are due by Monday, April 30.

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## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a documented disability, the Equal Access Services office on campus will provide the instructor with a letter outlining your accommodations. The instructor will then discuss the accommodations with you to determine the best learning environment.

If you feel you need accommodations, but have not documented your disability, please contact Jeanne Lujan, the coordinator for Equal Access Services, at 925-8910 or jmlujan@unm.edu.

#### TITLE IX

In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, students, and staff should report cases of gender discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual violence, to the Title IX Coordinator at the UNM Office of Equal Opportunity (oeo.unm.edu). For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: <a href="https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html">https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html</a>

All students are required to attend The Grey Area: Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training on Jan. 10, 19, 24, or 26. For more information about this training, call 925-8560.

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#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students may record lectures and discussions with electronic devices.

Students can bring cell phones to class to receive emergency calls. However all phones must be set to "SILENT" and should not ring during class. If you receive an emergency call, you should leave the classroom to answer it.

Students cannot use electronic devices during quizzes and exams.

## PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS

Students should not engage in personal conversations during class time. Those who do will be given a <u>yellow warning card</u>. If the conversation continues, they will be given a red card, which means that they must leave the class for the rest of the day.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students found cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero for the exam or quiz in question.

## **LATE POLICY**

Students who miss exams or quiz or turn assignments in late will lose 5 points for every day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) they do not make-up the missed exam or submit the late assignment.

This penalty is not enforced only if a student lets the instructor know **prior to the due date** that he/she has an emergency and will be unable to take the test or submit the assignment at the scheduled time.

Students must make-up the exam or quiz or hand in the assignment within a week.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to attend all class sessions. Attendance is taken *prior to the beginning of* each session. Late arrivals can not sign in, although they can stay to participate and take notes in class.

## Late arrivals are officially considered absent.

Students with 3 consecutive absences or 5 total absences will be dropped from the class by the instructor.

There are no "excused absences."

If you are forced to miss a class due to an emergency, you are encouraged to get the notes for the day you missed from your Pair & Share Partner or another reliable member of the class.