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SYLLABUS FOR  
HISTORY 1006-01  
PERSPECTIVES ON AMERICA AT WAR  
4 Credit Hours  
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Required Text:

Robert H. Zieger, *America's Great War: World War I and the American Experience*

**Course descriptions and objectives:** This course is an Area B course that develops key competencies in critical thinking and communication through an introduction to American participation in the First World War. The course includes a Critical Thinking and Oral Communications Component (CTOC). The course offers students the opportunity to apply critical thinking skills to history and to gain experience in developing and presenting original arguments in an oral form.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** By the end of the course, the successful student should (SLO):

1. Assimilate, analyze and present thoughts and opinions in oral forms (Goal B. Outcome).
2. Demonstrate the abilities to analyze, or interpret evidence or arguments, in order to formulate and support new arguments or solve problems. (Goal III Critical Thinking)
3. Demonstrate in oral and written form an understanding of America's role in the First World War and its effects on American and world history.

**Attendance policies:** Students whose number of absences is more than twice the number of class meetings per week (4 per semester) may be assigned a failing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Students who have more absences than the number of class meetings per week but less than twice the number of class meetings per week (3 per semester), may be docked a letter grade for the class at the discretion of the instructor. Students who have absences which are less than or equal to the number of class meetings per week (1 or 2 per semester) will not be penalized.

The instructor endeavors to begin class punctually. If a student is not in his seat when the roll is called, or if a student leaves class early, the student will be recorded as tardy. Two tardies equals one absence. If you anticipate being late to class please notify the instructor beforehand.

**Student Code of Conduct:** Middle Georgia State University students are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the MGSU Student Code of Conduct. Student Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, Procedures, and Rights are found at:  
<http://www.mga.edu/student-conduct/code-of-conduct.aspx>.

Examinations and other assignments should always be the students own work. Plagiarism or cheating will be punished by an F in the course and other sanctions may be imposed by the university. Please read Code of Conduct carefully to make sure that you understand these concepts, and ask the instructor if you have any questions. All exams must be taken or turned in at the beginning of class on the day designated in the schedule. If you have a documented emergency, you may be allowed to drop the grade for one missed exam. You may only exempt one graded assignment. There will be no make-ups for missed exams or quizzes. There will be no individual extra credit.

**Electronics Policy:** Computers and other electronic devices may not be used in class without a disability accommodation request (see below). Cell phones should be switched off and stored. In the event of a family emergency, please request permission in advance to leave your phone on. You should bring paper and pen or pencil to class to take notes.

**Disability Accommodation:** Students seeking academic accommodations for a special need must contact Middle Georgia State University Office of Disability Services in Macon at (478) 471-2985 or in Cochran at (478) 934-3023.  
<http://www.mga.edu/disability-services/>

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students are encouraged to read the withdrawal policy found at <http://www.mga.edu/registrar/dropadd.aspx> before dropping or withdrawing from a class

**Delayed Opening or Closing of the University:** Please consult the local media and/or the university websites for campus closings due to weather etc.

**End of course evaluations:** Student evaluations of faculty are administered online at the end of each term/session for all courses with five or more students. Students will receive an email containing a link to a survey for each course in which they are enrolled. All responses are anonymous.

**Grading System:**

100 – 90 A  
89.9 – 80 B  
79.9 – 70 C  
69.9 – 60 D  
59.9 – 0 F

**Assessments:**

CTOC - Critical Thinking Quizzes: 10% (These are available through Brightspace/D2L)

In class Critical Thinking Exercise: 10%

Critical Thinking Exam: 30%

CTOC Professional Presentation quizzes 10% (Online Brightspace/D2L)

Oral Presentation Proposal: 10%

Oral Presentation: 30%

CTOC instruction and quizzes are available through D@L/Brightspace. Other class assignments and materials are available at [www.carolmelton.com](http://www.carolmelton.com)

**Tentative Course Schedule:** Please see attached.

Additional copies of the syllabus and schedule are available at [www.carolmelton.com](http://www.carolmelton.com)

Please seek me out if you have any problems, questions or concerns about the course.