

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
United States History Since 1865
History 2112-47
CRN 81459
Tuesday and Thursday
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

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AND BY APPOINTMENT

Required Readings:

Tindall and Shi, Brief 7th edition, volume 2

Course Description and Objectives:

This course is a survey of the major issues in the development of the U.S. From the Civil War to the present. Some issues that we cover include: reconstruction; the Gilded Age and the industrial revolution; America's expansion as a world power after the turn of the twentieth century; and the growth of activist government.

By the end of this course the successful student should:

- 1) Possess substantial knowledge of the facts presented in this course.
- 2) Understand the principles of historical cause and effect
- 3) Be able to understand the modern world in a clearer fashion.
- 4) Be able to express these concepts clearly in writing

Papers:

Each student will submit a report based on an oral history interview on a topic of his choice. The paper must be typed and turned in on the assigned date. N.B. For each day or portion thereof, that the paper is late – regardless of the reason - the instructor will reduce the grade by 10 points. See the website for further details.

Class Attendance and Performance:

Students' regular attendance is required. Any student who misses more than four classes will suffer the reduction of a letter grade on the final grade. The instructor will accept no excuse for a 5th or higher absence, therefore, she urges students to hold some of their allotted absences in reserve for unforeseen circumstances. The instructor endeavors to begin class punctually. If a student is not in his seat at the beginning of class, the student will be considered tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. If you anticipate that you may be late due to scheduling or some other reason, please notify the instructor beforehand.

Examinations:

There will be three exams in this class. They are mandatory. There will be no make-up exams given. In an emergency for which proper documentation can be provided a missed examination grade may be dropped.

Examinations will be a combination of short answer and essay questions.

Class Participation:

The instructor expects and encourage student participation and comment in class. Good class participation requires that students keep current in their reading assignments. A student's lack of participation will not reduce his final grade, but informed participation will result in an upward adjustment.

Grading system:

100-90 – A

89.9-80 - B

79.9 –70 -C

69.9-60- D

59. 9 and below – F

Oral History Project – 25%

Exam 1- 25%

Exam 2 – 25%

Exam 3 – 25%

Academic Misconduct:

As a Macon State College student and as a student in this class, you are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the MSC Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is included in the Macon State Handbook and is available at <http://maconstate.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf> A student who plagiarizes or cheats will receive a grade of F and will be reported to the Dean of Students.

Disability Accommodations:

Students seeking academic accommodations for a special need must contact the MSC Counseling and Career Center at 471-2114 located on the second floor of the Student Life Center.

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