

United States History Since 1877

HIST 1302.062 (Online)

Spring 2025

Course Title: U.S History Since 1877

Course Number and Section: HIST 1302.062

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Course Overview

In this course, we will discuss the social and political changes in the United States from the end of Reconstruction (1877) to the modern era.

Learning Resources

Online Textbook, [The American Yawp](#)

Other texts may be assigned via Canvas

Student Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Describe the impact of the Gilded and Progressive eras on U.S. politics and society.
- Discuss the impact of World War I, the 1920s, the Great Depression, the New Deal, and World War II on American politics and culture.
- Trace the development of the civil rights movements on the 20th century.
- Describe the role the U.S. played in the Cold War.
- Discuss the political and cultural rivalry between liberalism and conservatism from the Great Depression to the present.
- Describe and discuss the impact and outcomes of major historical events.

Course Requirements

Exams (60%)

There will be 3 exams during this course which will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions. You will have 50 minutes to complete each exam. The final exam is NOT cumulative. The exams will cover the course readings as well as material presented in lectures. Each exam will count as 20% of your course grade.

Quizzes (40%)

There will be a quiz within each module, totaling 15 quizzes in total. These quizzes will be made up of 15 multiple-choice questions covering the textbook readings.

Exam Due Dates

Exam 1: February 16, 2025

Exam 2: March 30, 2025

Final Exam/Exam 3: May 2, 2025 (*This is a Friday*)

Assignment and Exam Parameters

There are NO makeup quizzes or exams in this course. If you fail to complete a quiz or exam, you will receive a zero for that grade. **You are not allowed to use any outside resources or materials (textbook, notes, internet, etc.) on exams.** If the professor determines that you have violated this rule, you will automatically receive a zero on the exam. If this happens a second time, you will automatically fail the course.

Grading Scale

A=90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=60-69

F=0-59

Course Schedule

Week 1 (January 13-19): Capital & Labor. Complete Module 1 by reading Chapter 16 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 16 Quiz.

Week 2 (January 20-26): The West. Complete Module 2 by reading Chapter 17 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 17 Quiz.

Week 3 (January 27-February 2): Industrialization. Complete Module 3 by reading Chapter 18 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 18 Quiz.

Week 4 (February 3-9) American Empire. Complete Module 4 by reading Chapter 19 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 19 Quiz.

Week 5 (February 10-16): The Progressive Era. Complete Module 5 by reading Chapter 20 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 20 Quiz. Complete Exam 1.

Week 6 (February 17-23): World War I. Complete Module 6 by reading Chapter 21 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 21 Quiz.

Week 7 (February 24-March 2): The New Era. Complete Module 7 by reading Chapter 22 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 22 Quiz.

Week 8 (March 3-9): The Great Depression & The New Deal. Complete Module 8 by reading Chapter 23 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 23 Quiz.

Week 9 (March 10-16): World War II. Complete Module 9 by reading Chapter 24 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 24 Quiz.

Spring Break (March 17-21)

Week 10 (March 24-30): The Cold War. Complete Module 10 by reading Chapter 25 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 25 Quiz. Complete Exam 2.

Week 11 (March 31-April 6): The Affluent Society. Complete Module 11 by reading Chapter 26 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 26 Quiz.

Week 12 (April 7-13): The Sixties. Complete Module 12 by reading Chapter 27 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 27 Quiz.

Week 13 (April 14-20): The Unraveling. Complete Module 13 by reading Chapter 28 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 28 Quiz.

Week 14 (April 21-27): Triumph of the Right. Complete Module 14 by reading Chapter 29 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 29 Quiz.

Week 15 (April 28-May 2): Into the 21st Century. Complete Module 15 by reading Chapter 30 of the textbook, watching the lecture, and completing Chapter 30 Quiz. Complete Exam 3. Please note that the course ends on May 2 and all assignments must be completed on May 2.

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