HIS 315L: United States Since 1865
Texas Common Number: HIST 1302

History 315L follows the events of Reconstruction following the Civil War, examines the impact of industrialization, and covers the major political and social events of the twentieth century: the United States' role in WWI and WWII, the Cold War, the New Deal, the Civil Rights upheavals of the 1960s, the Vietnam War and the interplay between liberalism and conservatism.

Prerequisites

Completion of fifteen semester hours of college coursework.

Course Organization

This course is divided into six learning modules containing a total of fourteen lessons. Each lesson contains a statement of lesson objectives, a reading assignment, instructor commentary, and self-assessment exercises. All lessons within a learning module must be completed before moving onto the next module.

Topics include:

Module 1
Lesson 1: The Waning of Reconstruction, 1867-1877
Lesson 2: A Nation of Industries and Cities
Lesson 3: Rise to World Power amid Domestic Unrest

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Lesson 4: Theodore Roosevelt and Progressivism
Lesson 5: The Apex of Progressive Reform

Module 3
Lesson 6: Over There and Over Here
Lesson 7: The Twenties and Their Consequences

Module 4
Lesson 8: The Age of Franklin D. Roosevelt
Lesson 9: The Second World War

Module 5
Lesson 10: Towards a New America
Lesson 11: The Affluent Fifties
Lesson 12: The 1960s and Their Impact

Module 6
Lesson 14: From Reagan to Clinton
**Required Materials**

The readings for this course come from the following text:


An electronic coursepack and other external readings are available for download through the course web site.

**Grading**

The course consists of fourteen (14) instructor-graded assignments (a mix of short-answer, essay, and identification exercises; each assignment is of equal weight), a midterm exam, and a comprehensive final exam. Both exams must be taken in a proctored location, with arrangements to be made by the student.

- Instructor-Graded Assignments 42%
- Midterm Exam 18%
- Final Exam 40%

In addition to earning the minimum number of points on assignments to receive a passing grade, students must earn score of at least 60% on the final exam in order to receive a passing grade in the course.

This course is independent study and is self-paced. An instructor is available via a message center to provide feedback and respond to questions regarding assignments. Students have five (5) months upon registration in which to complete all coursework, plus an additional thirty days in which to take the final exam.

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