

# Survey American History since 1865

Department of History

## College of Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

# HIST 1233-102

MWF: 9:00-9:50 A.M.

PY 103

# Fall 2020

## Contact Information

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**Office hours**: Tuesdays, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Due to COVID-19, I will not be offering face-to-face office hours so please do **not** stop by my office. Instead, I will be available via Zoom. Each week’s office hours Zoom link is posted on D2L.

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## Course Description

The instructor has designed this course first and foremost with the intention of providing her students with a basic understanding of the themes and events that dominated the American past since the Civil War. For obvious reasons, she has not designed the course to be in anyway comprehensive, but rather foundational. It is a course from which further exploration of this nation’s history may be launched. In addition to providing students with a broad knowledge of US History, the course will help students critically analyze historical events. The course design also includes interpretive techniques in an effort to help students better understand what it is that historians do.

## Required Book

\*Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History* 6th ed., vol. 2

**Split Students**

This course has been planned as a split students course for Fall 2020. The class will meet in its regularly scheduled room all scheduled days, but only some of the students can be physically in the class every class day to allow sufficient social distancing. You will be assigned to one physical class day and will access course materials virtually on the other days. I will notify you of your assigned day for your physical class meeting. When we meet face to face we will utilize social distancing and an assigned seating chart. When the university transitions to fully online after Thanksgiving we will review during the last week of class and hold our finals virtually. I will use D2L for posting syllabi, course communication, course schedule, and gradebook. There will be some online office hours announced through D2L. You should regularly check D2L and the email hosted via D2L for important course information. In the event of increased incidence and risk of COVID-19 that results in the university moving back to a shelter-in-place mode, the course instruction will transition to fully online. More instructions will be given at that time.

**MSU Texas Facial Covering Requirement**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all students are required to wear a mask in the classroom. The only exceptions are in accordance with applicable law (e.g., an accommodation, including for medical reasons, under the Americans with Disabilities Act or pursuant to a bona fide religious belief).

## Student Handbook

Refer to: <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/_assets/files/handbook.pdf>

## Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual’s to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

## Grading

| Assignments | Points |
| --- | --- |
| Weekly Quizzes | 25% |
| Movie Assignment #1 | 15% |
| Movie Assignment #2 | 15% |
| Midterm | 20% |
| Final | 25% |

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

| Grade | Points |
| --- | --- |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | 0-59 |

## Exams

\*This course includes two exams, a midterm and a final, both of which will consist of 50 multiple choice questions.

\*Students will take the **midterm** and **final** via D2L.

\*Here are the instructions to take the midterm and final:

1.Log onto D2L

2.Click on the 9-block square at the top of the page and find our class. Click on it.

3.Once you are on our classroom dashboard, click on “Assessments” near the top of the page.

4.Under the drop-down list, click on “Tests.” You will see “Midterm” and “Final.”

5.On the scheduled date, click on the arrow next to “Midterm” or “Final.” Once you begin, you will have 105 minutes to complete the midterm and 120 minutes to complete the final.

\*Study guides are posted on D2L.

## Weekly Quizzes

\*There will be 14 weekly quizzes (based on the *Give Me Liberty* textbook). Students must take each quiz on Fridays by 11:30 P.M. Here are the instructions

1.Log onto D2L

2.Click on the 9-block square at the top of the page and find our class. Click on it.

3.Once you are on our classroom dashboard, click on “Assessments” near the top of the page.

4.Under the drop-down list, click on “Tests.” You will see all the quizzes.

5.To take a specific quiz, click on the arrow next to it. Students will have 20 minutes to complete each quiz once they begin testing. Each question is worth 10 points.

\*It is strongly recommended to pay close attention to the syllabus. The dates of each quiz are noted.

## Movie Assignments

\*Students are expected to write two 5-6-page essays, one on *The Untouchables* (1987) and one on *Pleasantville* (1998). Further instructions can be found on our class dashboard on D2L. Click on “Content,” and then click on “Movie Assignment Instructions.” You should see a set of instructions for *The Untouchables* and one for *Pleasantville*. In your essay, you must answer each of the questions asked.

\*The essay must be typed, in 12-point font, Times New Roman and double spaced. The margins should be 1 inch on the top and bottom and 1.25 on the left and right. Submit your essays via D2L. On our D2L class dashboard, click on “Assessments.” Then click on “Assignments.” You should see “The Untouchables” and “Pleasantville.” You must submit by 11:30 P.M. on the scheduled due dates. *The Untouchables* is due on September 30 while *Pleasantville* is due on November 4. Note, D2L uses Turnitin to check for plagiarism.

## Extra Credit

\*No extra credit assignments will be accepted, but bonus points may be offered for attending instructor-specified events on campus.

## Make Up Work/Tests

Both exams and all the quizzes are available on D2L. If you fail to take an exam or quiz by the given deadline, you must provide a legitimate reason as to why if you expect to make it up. Forgetting is not a legitimate excuse.

**Midterm Progress Report**

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student’s WebWorld account. All students will receive this midterm progress report. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students’ transcript, nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with the instructor.

**Office Hours**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rather than visiting the instructor’s office, please email her to schedule a Zoom meeting.

**Email**

\*Please send all emails to this email address: [whitney.snow@msutexas.edu](mailto:whitney.snow@msutexas.edu)

## Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes:August 24-26

Deadline to file for December graduation: September 28

Deadline to file for May graduation: October 5

Last Day to drop with a grade of “W:” December 4

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](https://mwsu.edu/student-life/development/learning/index)

## Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](https://d2l.mwsu.edu/) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

## Attendance

\*Due to COVID-19, seating in our classroom—PY 103—is capped at 40. There are 60 students signed up for the class. As a result, students will be split into three groups—Group A, Group B, and Group C. Students in Group A will attend class on Mondays. Students in Group B will attend class on Wednesdays. Students in Group C will attend class on Fridays.

\*Please do not attend when it’s not your Group’s assigned day as that will put us over room capacity.

\*On days when you are not physically in class, you will attend virtually as the instructor will be **live-streaming** her lectures.

--For example, on Mondays, Group A students will physically attend class in PY 103. On Wednesdays and Fridays, Group A students will log-on to Zoom at 9:00 A.M. and watch the livestream lectures.

--For example, on Wednesdays, Group B students will physically attend class in PY 103. On Mondays and Fridays, Group B students will log-on to Zoom at 9:00 A.M. and watch the livestream lectures.

--For example, on Fridays, Group C students will physically attend class in PY 103. On Mondays and Wednesdays, Group C students will log-on to Zoom at 9:00 A.M. and watch the livestream lectures.

## Instructor Class Policies

\*Attendance requires more than being present in class. It means showing up prepared; contributing to class discussions; and exhibiting respect for classmates and the instructor.

\*Cell phones should be on silent and put away during class.

\*If seen wearing earbuds or headphones, students will be asked to remove them. Repeat offenders will be asked to leave the classroom.

\*Laptops are a privilege and not a right. Students are welcome to use laptops to take notes. However, if they are seen using the laptop for a non-class-related purpose, students will be given a verbal warning. Repeat offenders will no longer welcome to bring a laptop to class.

## Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](http://www.mwsu.edu/student-life/disability).

## College Policies

### Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](https://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies)

## Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

## Course Schedule

| Week or Module | Readings and other Assignments |
| --- | --- |
| **Week 1**  Aug 24 (Mon) (Group A)  Aug 26 (Wed) (Group B)  Aug 28 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 15  **Quiz #1** (take via D2L on Aug 28 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 2**  Aug 31 (Mon) (Group A)  Sep 2 (Wed) (Group B)  Sep 4 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 16  **Quiz #2** (take via D2L on Sep 4 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 3**  Sep 7 (Mon) (Group A)  Sep 9 (Wed) (Group B)  Sep 11 (Fri) (Group C) | **LABOR DAY**  Foner, Chapter 17  **Quiz #3** (take via D2L on Sep 11 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 4**  Sep 14 (Mon) (Group A)  Sep 16 (Wed) (Group B)  Sep 18 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 18  **Quiz #4** (take via D2L on Sep 18 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 5**  Sep 21 (Mon) (Group A)  Sep 23 (Wed) (Group B)  Sep 25 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 19  **Quiz #5** (take via D2L on Sep 25 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 6**  Sep 28 (Mon) (Group A)  Sep 30 (Wed) (Group B)  Oct 2 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 20  ***The Untouchables* Movie Assignment #1 (submit via D2L on September 30 by 11:30 P.M.)**  **Quiz #6** (take via D2L on Oct 2 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 7**  Oct 5 (Mon) (Group A)  Oct 7 (Wed) (Group B)  Oct 9 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 21  **MIDTERM (take via D2L on Oct 7 by 11:30 P.M.)**  **Quiz #7** (take via D2L on Oct 9 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 8**  Oct 12 (Mon) (Group A)  Oct 14 (Wed) (Group B)  Oct 16 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 22  **Quiz #8** (take via D2L on Oct 16 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 9**  Oct 19 (Mon) (Group A)  Oct 21 (Wed) (Group B)  Oct 23 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 23  **Quiz #9** (take via D2L on Oct 23 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 10**  Oct 26 (Mon) (Group A)  Oct 28 (Wed) (Group B)  Oct 30 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 24  **Quiz #10** (take via D2L on Oct 30 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 11**  Nov 2 (Mon) (Group A)  Nov 4 (Wed) (Group B)  Nov 6 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 25  ***Pleasantville* Movie Assignment #2 (submit via D2L on Nov 4 by 11:30 P.M.)**  **Quiz #11** (take via D2L on Nov 6 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 12**  Nov 9 (Mon) (Group A)  Nov 11 (Wed) (Group B)  Nov 13 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 26  **Quiz #12** (take via D2L on Nov 13 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 13**  Nov 16 (Mon) (Group A)  Nov 18 (Wed) (Group B)  Nov 20 (Fri) (Group C) | Foner, Chapter 27  **Quiz #13** (take via D2L on Nov 20 by 11:30 P.M.) |
| **Week 14**  Nov 23 (Mon) (Group A)  Nov 25 (Wed)  Nov 27 (Fri) | **Thanksgiving Break (Nov 25-27)** |
| **Week 15**  Nov 30 (Mon)  Dec 2 (Wed)  Dec 4 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 28  **Quiz #14** (take via D2L on Dec 4 by 11:30 P.M.) |

**Final Exam**: Dec 7 (Mon): 8:00-10:00 A.M.