Survey American History since 1865

Department of History

College of Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

HIST 1233-106

MWF: 10:00-10:50 A.M.

PY 202

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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

Attendance

Students will be permitted to make up missed assignments in the case of official university-related absences. If documentation is provided as evidence, students will also be allowed to make up missed assignments in the case of illness and/or close family death. If you have more than 4 unexcused absences, you may be dropped from the class.

D2L

Extensive use of D2L is part of this course. I will use D2L for posting syllabi, course communication, course schedule, and gradebook. You should regularly check D2L for information pertaining to the class.

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Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given).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	20%
Midterm	25%
Final	30%

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 both the **midterm** and the **final** exam on 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 either "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 the quizzes 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 Assignment

*Students are expected to write one 5-6-page essay on *Bonnie & Clyde* (1967). Further instructions can be found on our class dashboard on D2L. Click on "Content," and then click on "Movie Assignment Instructions." 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 movie assignment via D2L. On our D2L class dashboard, click on "Assessments." Then click on "Assignments." You should see "Bonnie & Clyde." You must submit by 11:30 P.M. on the scheduled due date. Note, D2L uses Turnitin to check for plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence.

Extra Credit

*No extra credit assignments will be accepted, but bonus points <u>may</u> 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.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: August 28-31
Deadline to file for December graduation: September 25
Deadline to file for May graduation: October 2
Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" October 30

Instructor's In-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.

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 August 28 August 30 September 1	Foner, Chapter 15 **Quiz #1** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on September 1)
Week 2 September 4 September 6 September 8	Foner, Chapter 16 **Quiz #2** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on September 8)
Week 3 September 11 September 13 September 15	Foner, Chapter 17 **Quiz #3** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on September 15)
Week 4 September 18 September 20 September 22	Foner, Chapter 18 **Quiz #4** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on September 22)

Week or Module	Readings and other Assignments
Week 5 September 25 September 27 September 29	Foner, Chapter 19 **Quiz #5** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on September 29)
Week 6 October 2 October 4 October 6	Foner, Chapter 20 **Bonnie & Clyde due** (upload to D2L by 11:30 P.M. on October 4) **Quiz #6** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on October 6)
Week 7 October 9 October 11 October 13	Foner, Chapter 21 **Midterm** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on October 11) **Quiz #7** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on October 13)
Week 8 October 16 October 18 October 20	Foner, Chapter 22 **Quiz #8** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on October 20)
Week 9 October 23 October 25 October 27	Foner, Chapter 23 **Quiz #9** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on October 27)
Week 10 October 30 November 1 November 3	Foner, Chapter 24 **Quiz #10** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on November 3)
Week 11 November 6 November 8 November 10	Foner, Chapter 25 **Quiz #11** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on November 10)
Week 12 November 13 November 15 November 17	Foner, Chapter 26 **Quiz #12** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on November 17)
Week 13 November 20 November 22 November 25	**Thanksgiving Break**
Week 14 November 27 November 29 December 1	Foner, Chapter 27 **Quiz #13** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on December 1)

Week or Module	Readings and other Assignments
Week 15 December 4 December 6 December 8	Foner, Chapter 28 **Quiz #14** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on December 8)

Final Exam: TBA