

**Common Course Syllabus**  
**History 1302**  
Department of History

**Department:** Social Sciences

**Discipline:** History

**Course Number:** HISTORY 1302

**Course Title:** United States History II

**Credit:** 3 Lecture, 0 Lab

**Foundational Component Area of Core Curriculum:** American History

**Prerequisites:** TSI compliance in Reading

**Available Formats:** Conventional, INET, ITV

**Campus:** Levelland, Reese, ATC, Plainview

**Textbook:** Varies according to instructor.

**Course Specific Instructions:** Each instructor will attach his/her course with specific instructions.

**Course Description:** A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War/Reconstruction era to the present. United States History II examines industrialization, immigration, world wars, the Great Depression, Cold War and post-Cold War eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History II include: American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, urbanization and suburbanization, the expansion of the federal government, and the study of U.S. foreign policy.

**Course Objectives:**

1. **critical thinking:** demonstrate creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
2. **communication:** demonstrate effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
3. **social responsibility:** demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
4. **personal responsibility:** demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

**Course Purpose:** To acquaint students with the diversity of American history and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. Fundamentally, the course promotes general understanding of a body of knowledge any student should know.

**Course Requirements:** To maximize a student's potential to complete this course, they should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and complete all other projects or papers as assigned in the instructor's specific instructions.

**Course Evaluation:** See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

**Attendance Policy:** Whenever absences become excessive and in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student will be withdrawn from the course. Each instructor will have additional information about attendance on his/her course information sheet.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should demonstrate familiarity with the evolution of the nation and its role in the world from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. This would include the following themes:

- American culture
- religion
- civil and human rights
- technological change
- economic change
- immigration and migration
- urbanization and suburbanization
- the expansion of the federal government
- the study of U.S. foreign policy

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
- Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
- Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

**SPC Standard Disability Statement** - Any students who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make and necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations until appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office has been provided. For more information, you may contact the Disability Services Office (located in the Health & Wellness Center) at 806-716-2529 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

**Equal Opportunity, Harassment, and Non-Discrimination Statement** - South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360. South Plains College is dedicated to providing a safe and equitable learning environment for all students. Discrimination, sexual assault, and harassment are not tolerated by the college. The Health and Wellness Center offers confidential support (806-716-2529) and Voice of Hope has a 24-hour hotline: 806-763-7273. You are encouraged to report any incidents online at <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/about/campussafety/complaints.php>.

**Pregnancy Accommodation Statement** - If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. Students who wish to request accommodations must contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 to initiate the process.

**Campus Concealed Carry** - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: ([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)) Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

# History 1302

## History of the United States from 1877 to present

### Course Syllabus

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Reese Building Three Room RC 319

Monday and Wednesday 9:30-10:45am or 11:00am-12:15pm

#### **Required Texts**

Murrin, Johnson, McPherson et al, *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*, Volume 2: 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

Belmonte, Laura, *Speaking of America: Volume II Since 1865*. Second Edition

Both of these are available for purchase online or in bookstore.

#### **Technical Support**

A portion of this course will be conducted online. This includes lecture highlights, blackboard readings, discussions and quizzes. As a result it is imperative that you plan to have access to reliable internet throughout the semester. (if this is an issue, please talk to me immediately).

I would recommend that you not plan on utilizing only your phone to complete the online portions of the class.

In the event of another shutdown (due to Covid-19) the course will transition to a fully online course.

Blackboard support is available through the IT Department of SPC. The Blackboard help desk can be reached via email at [blackboard@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:blackboard@southplainscollege.edu) or via phone at 806.716.2180 (M-F 8am-4pm)

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Upon successful completion of this course, students should be familiar with the evolution of American political, social, and economic institutions and traditions from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. This would include the ability to:

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### **Course Objectives:**

During this course students will be taught how to think critically, how to communicate effectively, and how to identify and practice social and personal responsibility. Class lectures and assignments will focus on these techniques and students will be given opportunities to implement the different techniques.

- critical thinking: to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
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- personal responsibility: to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

### **Civility in the Classroom:**

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In order to assure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor; students are prohibited from engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result, minimally, in a request to leave class.

Examples of inappropriate behavior include cellular phones hostile or excessively aggressive behavior towards other students or the instructor, excessive tardiness, leaving class early, making offensive remarks, prolonged chattering, reading newspapers during class, sleeping, talking out of turn, arriving late to class, dominating discussions, overt inattentiveness, etc.

### **Cheating and Plagiarism:**

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

**Cheating:** Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

**Plagiarism:** Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

The consequence of plagiarism or cheating in my classes is this: the offender(s) will be receive zero credit for the entire assignment or exam or will be automatically dropped from the class with an F.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic I strongly encourage you to not attend in-person lecture if you are feeling ill or exhibiting any symptoms of the disease. Attendance will be taken during in person lecture and during the alternate day lesson. Even if you are sick you are expected (if physically able) to participate in the virtual learning lesson.

All Students are required to read their text according to the lecture schedule above. Students should be prepared to contribute to class discussion of the lecture topics. Exams will be based on both lecture and discussion of the text, and students should maintain careful notes in order to prepare for these exams. Students are responsible for all missed reading assignments, notes etc.

The instructor reserves the right to count students absent if they are not prepared, being disruptive, or participating in class. Students are expected to follow all class procedures, including the prohibition of phones

### **Religious Holidays**

Any student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

### **COVID-19 Policy**

It is the policy of South Plains College for the Spring 2021 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

### **Office Hours:**

Due to the ongoing Pandemic I will only hold short in person meetings to answer quick questions. Anything that requires a longer discussion will be conducted in the virtual setting. With that being said I would like to strongly urge each of you to make a time to talk with me about your concerns for this class; especially in the format that we are developing this semester.

**If you have any difficulties relating to this course, I urge you to make an appointment to meet with me without delay.**

### **Make-up Policy:**

No make-ups are allowed; except for extreme circumstances.

**\* ALL MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE ESSAY ONLY (4 questions).**

**FAILURE TO TAKE AN EXAM WILL RESULT IN FAILURE FOR THE SEMESTER.**

**If you miss a Blackboard assignment due date, you will not get any points for that assignment.** There will be no curves on exam grades or assignments.

### **Grading Policy:**

There will be one final exam (150 points), two mid-term examinations (100 points each), eight book quizzes (10 points each), two film assignments (75 points each), and attendance and participation (50 points total). Final grade will be calculated based upon a total possible score of 630: 567-630= "A"; 504-567= "B"; 441-504="C"; 378-441= "D"; below 378 = "F".

### **Students with Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

### **Diversity Statement:**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### **Student Privacy**

South Plains College is bound by the Texas Open Records Law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Information regarding these topics can be found in the South Plains College Catalog. As far as this class is concerned, I will NOT release or discuss your class performance, grades, averages, or attendance with anyone but you. This means that your **parents**, class counselors, principals, or any other interested party will not gain this information from me – if they need this sort of information they must ask you for it. This provision does not apply to student athletes or those for whom a grade check is part of their scholarship support.

## Lecture and Course Work Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPIC</u>	<u>Readings</u>
20 January	Course Introduction, why do we care?	
Week of 25 January	Reconstruction through the Gilded Age	<i>Liberty</i> 17, 18; <i>Speaking</i> 12
Week of 1 February	Changing American Landscape The Second Industrial Revolution	<i>Liberty</i> 20; <i>Speaking</i> 13
Week of 8 February	Robber Barons and Labor Movement	<i>Liberty</i> 19, 21; <i>Speaking</i> 14-15
Week of 15 February	The Progressive Era and Splendid Little War	<i>Liberty</i> 22; <i>Speaking</i> 16
<b>22 February</b> <b>24 February</b>	<b>EXAM ONE</b> <b>EXAM ONE</b>	
Week of 1 March	World War I	<i>Liberty</i> 23; <i>Speaking</i> 17
<b>8 March</b> Week of 8 March	<b>FILM ASSIGNMENT ONE DUE</b> 1920s and Depression	<i>Liberty</i> 24-25; <i>Speaking</i> 18-19
<b>15-19 March</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK NO CLASS</b>	
Week of 22 March	The World at War	<i>Liberty</i> 26; <i>Speaking</i> 20
Week of 29 March	World War II and Rebuilding Europe	<i>Liberty</i> 27; <i>Speaking</i> 21
<b>5 April</b> <b>7 April</b>	<b>EXAM TWO</b> <b>EXAM TWO</b>	
Week of 12 April	Truman, Korea and Containment	<i>Liberty</i> 27; <i>Speaking</i> 22
Week of 19 April	A New Generation takes over/Civil Rights	<i>Liberty</i> 28; <i>Speaking</i> 23
Week of 26 April	JFK, LBJ and Vietnam	<i>Liberty</i> 29, 30; <i>Speaking</i> 24
<b>3 May</b> Week of 3 May	<b>FILM ASSIGNMENT TWO DUE</b> End of the Cold War and War on Terror	<i>Liberty</i> 31; <i>Liberty</i> 32; <i>Speaking</i> 25

### Final Exam

9:30am class: 12 May at 8:00-10:00am  
11:00am class: 10 May at 10:15am-12:15pm

**\*\*This is a preliminary schedule subject to change, as the instructor deems necessary.  
The instructor will make repeated announcements of any changes. \*\***