

Hist. 132X: History of the United States from 1865

Summer 2019 TR 2-3:50pm Bunnell 313

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Course Description: Hist. 132X is an introduction to United States history from 1865 to almost present day. It is impossible to cover everything that happened in U.S. history in this time period in one short summer class! Consequently, Hist. 132X will address major political, economic, social, and intellectual developments, with occasional more in-depth examination of select topics in U.S. history.

Course Objectives: Students in Hist. 132X will learn how to think and write critically about the past. They will learn to assess historical narratives and primary sources. Specifically, students in Hist. 132X will learn about the historical development of the United States since 1865.

Required Reading: James West Davidson, et al. *U.S. A Narrative History, Volume 2, Since 1865, Eighth Edition.* (New York: McGraw Hill, 2018.)

Additional Reading: Primary source documents will be posted on Blackboard. Each week there will be a document discussion on Blackboard, as well as discussion of documents in class.

Blackboard: The Blackboard site (classes.alaska.edu) will be used extensively in this course. The syllabus, grades, handouts, assigned documents, timelines, lecture outlines and PowerPoint slides, as well as other class information, will be posted on Blackboard. Hist. 132X is a hybrid class in that in addition to our in-class meeting times, there will be additional on-line class materials, assignments, and discussions on Blackboard.

Course Requirements:	2 exams (Midterm: 20%, Final: 30%)	50%
	Classroom assignments	20%
	On-line assignments	20%
	Attendance and Participation	<u>10%</u>
		100%

Exams: Exams will consist of multiple choice questions and short answer identification of terms. Exams will cover material from lectures, the textbook, assigned readings, videos, and in-class discussions. Exams will NOT be cumulative!

Attendance and Participation: Attendance will be taken regularly. Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussions. Because this class has limited meeting times, attendance is extremely important and consequently will constitute a large portion of the total grade value.

Course Policies:

Late Work: Late work will be penalized! Please turn in work on time to get full credit. Late assignments will be penalized 2% for each day past the due date, up to a week, and 10% for each week thereafter. Make-up exams will be given only until the graded work has been

handed back to the class, unless previous arrangements have been made with the instructor.

Missed Class: Please let the instructor know as far in advance as possible if you need to miss class. If you are sick, send the instructor an email before class. Make-up exams will be given only until the graded work has been handed back to the class, unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.

Technology: Cell phones should be set to silent or turned off when in class. The use of laptops and tablets for taking notes is acceptable. However, use of these devices should not be distracting or disrupting to the class.

Disruptive Behavior: Any disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and students who behave in a disruptive manner will be asked to leave the classroom. Students are expected to be respectful of the instructor and their classmates.

Plagiarism/ Cheating, Disruptive: Students are expected to submit their own work. As described by UAF, "scholastic dishonesty constitutes a violation of the university rules and regulations and is punishable according to the procedures outlined by UAF. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an exam, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating includes providing answers to or taking answers from another student. Plagiarism includes use of another author's words or arguments without attribution. Collusion includes unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of any course requirement. Scholastic dishonesty is punishable by removal from the course and a grade of "F." For more information, go to the Student Code of Conduct." (<http://uaf.edu/usa/student-resources/conduct>)