

MARTINCOMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS
Semester/Year: Spring 2011

COURSE NUMBER: HIS 132 (50)

INSTRUCTOR: J. Smith

COURSE TITLE: American History II

OFFICE NO: NA

CREDIT HOURS: 3

OFFICE/VIRTUAL HOURS: NONE

CONTACT HRS/WK: 3

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COREQUISITES: NONE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a survey of American history from the Civil War era to the present. Topics include industrialization, immigration, the Great Depression, the major American wars, the Cold War, and social conflict. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in American history since the Civil War. *The course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.*

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Apply critical thinking skills to problem- solving
2. Demonstrate use of appropriate discipline-related technology
3. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Summarize and evaluate an individual in American history since the Civil War.
2. Analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in American history since the Civil War
3. Explain, describe, and evaluate movements or events in American history since the Civil War.

Other objectives:

1. Demonstrate proper research skills for writing a 3-4 page report.
2. To accurately cite references in a 3-4 page report

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Brinkley, Alan. (2010) The unfinished nation: A concise history of the American people (6th ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ISBN 978-0-07-338552-5. MHID 0-07-338552-2

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES: As assigned

LEARNING/TEACHING METHODS: Post on Blackboard weekly lectures and commentary relating to the information in the text book to be studied each week and putting important names and ideas in **Bold font**.

Students will be given weekly reading/research assignments and quizzes for each chapter of study. Weekly quizzes will consist of 20-25 short answer factual questions and 2-3 short discussion questions requiring a 200-300 word response. Instructor will give feed back to discussion answers.

Outside reading assignments: Weekly reading/research assignments some of which will be assigned by the teacher and some students will find on their own. These will include both primary and secondary sources.

ASSESSMENTS/METHODS OF EVALUATION: Weekly tests will count 25%, weekly outside reading/research assignments will count 25%, a mid-term and final research assignment of 1,000 to 1,200 words, in lieu of mid-term and final exams, will count 20% each and attendance (achieved by completing each weekly assignment and test) will count 10%.

GRADING POLICY:

Scale: 7 points: 93-100 = A; 85-92=B; 77-84= C 70-76=D; below 70 = F

COURSE OUTLINE:

Part I - *Post Reconstruction to the Great War*

Week 1- Chapter 17 – Industrial Supremacy

Week 2- Chapter 18 – The Age of the City

Week 3- Chapter 19 – From Crisis to Empire

Week4- Chapter 20 – The Progressives

Week 5- Chapter 21 – America and the Great War

Part II – *The Roaring Twenties to World War II*

Week 6- Chapter 22- The New Era

Week 7 - Chapter 23 - The Great Depression

Week 8- Chapter 24- The New Deal

Week 9 - Chapter 25 - The Global Crisis

Week 10 - Chapter 26- America in a World War

Part III *From Cold War to Globalization*

Week 11 – Chapter 27 - The Cold War

Week 12 – Chapter 28 - The Affluent Society

Week 13 – Chapter 29 - Civil Rights, Viet Nam, and the Ordeal of Liberalism

Week 14 – Chapter 30 - Crisis of Authority

Week 15- Chapter 31- From “Age of Limits” to the Age of Reagan

Week 16- Chapter 32 - The Age of Globalization

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY: Martin Community College recognizes that academic success is tied to regular attendance and completion of assigned work and tasks in a timely manner. Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80 percent of the total hours for a course (or 13 weeks for an internet course), which includes classes, labs, and shops. **A student will be counted present for the week by submitting a completed assignment and weekly test for each week.**

To enter section 50 (Internet) courses, students must do two things:

(1) First, students must complete a technology assessment located on the Blackboard login page.

(2) Second, students must login into Blackboard and complete the first assignment within seven (7) days.

Both the technology assessment and the first assignment must be completed for students to remain in the course. If students are taking more than one online course, the student ONLY takes the technology assessment ONE time.

Request for excused absences for Religious Observances*

In compliance with G. S. 115D-5, MCC policy permits a student to be excused, with the opportunity to make-up any test or other missed work, a minimum of two excused absences per academic year for religious observances required by the student's faith. The policy limits the excused absences to a maximum of two days per academic year.

Students who wish to be excused for a Religious Observance required by their faith must complete and submit a request form to the instructor(s) prior to the census date of each class. The ***Request for Excused Absences for Religious Observances*** form can be picked up from Student Services. This does not supersede the college-wide attendance policy as outlined in the college catalog or syllabus, with the exception of a reasonable accommodation for the make-up of missed course work.

The Martin Community College Attendance Policy (Martin Community College Career Catalog Addendum for fall 2007) is in effect, as well as the administrative withdrawal policy (Martin Community College Career Catalogue Addendum for fall 2007). Students must attend at least once within the first 10% of the scheduled hours of the class in order to be enrolled, or their names will be removed from the attendance roster.

Students missing more than 6 (six) contiguous contact hours without contacting, and speaking to the instructor or more than 20% of the total contact hours may be administratively withdrawn from class, and in that case will receive a "WF" which counts as an "F" as their final grade. Students may only be readmitted to class with the written approval of the instructor, as the instructor must file a form with the registrar in order to readmit the student. Students who have been administratively withdrawn from a class will not be allowed in the lab or classroom for liability reasons. If a student is officially readmitted to a class the student is responsible for all material covered, including any announcements, such as test dates made while he/she was out. A student may remove the "WF" grade by submitting appropriate paperwork for an official withdrawal by the last day to officially withdraw without receiving an "F" during the semester to the Registrar's office. **The last day to officially withdraw from this class is March 24, 2011.**

COURSE POLICIES: Each weekly module will consist of: 1. Reading the assigned chapter in the text book, 2. reading the lecture commentary made by the teacher in the Blackboard module and viewing a power point presentation relating to the chapter, 4. Completing the weekly research/reading/or other related assignment, 5. Taking a weekly quiz.

The first 3 components of each weekly module must be completed within 7 days after it is posted, starting with Chapter 17 on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. At 6:00 AM the following Wednesday, January 12, the Chapter 17 weekly test and the Chapter 18 contents will be posted. The weekly test will be available for seven days, and due the following Tuesday night, January 18 (which will be 2 weeks from the posting of each chapter). Outside assignments for each chapter will be accepted until 12:00 midnight on the Tuesday following the assignment posting, 7 days after it is posted. This cycle will continue until the semester ends On May 5.

Due dates will be strictly adhered to. Unless you contact your instructor **by the due date** and request extra time and it is granted, a **50** will be placed in the grade book for any assignment or test not completed on time. If an extension of time is granted, the **50** will be changed to the actual grade when it is turned in. Otherwise the **50** will remain in the grade book and be included in the test average. The same policy will apply to weekly assignments as well.

Attendance will be based on completion of weekly assignments and tests. **When three weekly assignments and tests are not completed**, an F will automatically be given for the course, whether in consecutive order or not. **If any three weekly assignments and tests are not turned in, it is strongly recommended that you officially withdraw from the course by March 24, 2011 the last day to withdraw without receiving an F.**

CONTACT

If you cannot reach your instructor by email, you may contact Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services at (252)789-0246 or (252)789-0247 by phone, pbroughton@martincc.edu by e-mail, or in person at her office in Building 2, Room 33. She or her secretary, Tasha Bryant, will get in touch with the instructor..

To access the Martin Community College Career Catalog for policies and curriculum requirements, please go online to www.martincc.edu.

If you have a need for a disability-related accommodation, please notify the Student Services counselor at (252) 789-0293.