

SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 4315

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

I am Dr. Jorge A. Hernandez, and this is History 4315. The textbook for this course will be *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People* Volume 1: to 1877 and Volume 2: since 1865 (9th edition) by Paul S. Boyer and others. This course begins with a discussion of the technology and culture that existed in the United States from 1840 to 1860. Next, students will examine the circumstances that engendered the emergence of the Old South, including a lengthy analysis of slavery. Then, students will familiarize themselves with the westward expansion, the immigration and the section conflicts that transpired in the United States during the 1840s. Afterwards, they will become acquainted with the historical events that occurred in the 1850s that impelled this country from compromise to secession. Next, they will analyze the events that characterized the progress of the Civil War. Then, they will focus on the decade after the Civil War called Reconstruction. Afterwards, students will continue with an examination of the Trans-Mississippi West, as well as the rise of Industrial America and with the immigration and urbanization that occurred from 1860 to 1900. Finally, they will analyze the political events that typified the period from 1877 to 1900.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

In this course, a primary student learning objective will for students to learn to analyze the importance of cause and effect in an historical context. A second student learning outcome will be students to demonstrate an understanding of historiography. By gaining an understanding of these student learning objectives, students will acquire the marketable skills listed below.

SLO—The history student will demonstrate the ability to write about topics in historiography and how those topics are interpreted.

Marketable skills---Students can utilize data to persuade various audiences.

Students can utilize data to generate and strengthen ideas.

Students can decipher stances adopted by various individuals.

SLO—The history student will demonstrate knowledge of American History, World History, and Non-American History.

Marketable Skills---Students can meet deadlines in a successful manner.

Students can discharge responsibilities in an adequate manner.

Students can manage the absorption of data.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

In this course students will study the technology and culture developed in the United States from 1840 to 1860.

Students will also analyze the institutions associated with the Old South, especially black slavery.

Students will also examine the immigration, expansion, and sectional conflict that occurred during the 1840s.

Students will also study the historical events that occurred during the 1850s that propelled the United States from compromise to secession.

Students will also scrutinize the events associated with the Civil War.

Students will also become familiar with the era known as Reconstruction.

Students will also familiarize themselves with the transformation of the Trans-Mississippi West.

Students will also analyze the historical events that caused the emergence of an industrial United States.

Students will also scrutinize the expansion and immigration that transpired from 1860 to 1900.

Students will also examine the political events in the United States from 1877 to 1900.

TEXTBOOK AND EXAMS:

The textbook needed for this course is *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People* volume 1: to 1877 (9th edition) by Paul S. Boyer and others (isbn- 978-1-337-26986-5) and *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People* volume 2: since 1865 (9th edition) by Paul S. Boyer and others (isbn-978-1-337-26985-8. All examinations will be based upon these textbooks. THEREFORE, STUDENTS MUST CAREFULLY STUDY THE TEXTBOOKS TO ENABLE THEM TO PASS THE EXAMINATIONS.

Students will prove their mastery of the material learned in the textbook by taking five major exams. These exams will be made up of multiple-choice questions and the student will have sixty minutes to answer them. The points earned in those exams will amount to

five hundred points by the end of the semester. In addition, students will also make ten in-class presentations that will count for an additional two hundred points. The letter grade received by the student will correspond to the percentage of points earned during the semester. A student, for example, who ends up with 600 points will have about an 85% average, and thus will receive a grade of B.

STUDENTS WHO MISS TWO PRESENTATIONS WILL LOSE A LETTER GRADE IN THE FINAL GRADE, WHILE THOSE WHO MISS THREE PRESENTATIONS WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF F.

Presentations and exam dates appear below.

January 27-----Syllabus and chapter 11
Presentations on chapter 11

February 3-----Chapter 12
Presentations on chapter 12

February 10-----Exam 1

February 17-----Chapter 13
Presentations on chapter 13

February 24-----Chapter 14
Presentations on chapter 14

March 3-----Exam 2

March 10-----Chapter 15
Presentations on chapter 15

March 17-----Spring Break

March 24-----Chapter 16
Presentations on chapter 16

March 31-----Exam 3

April 7-----Chapter 17
Presentations on chapter 17

April 14-----Chapter 18
Presentations on chapter 18

April 21-----Exam 4

April 28-----Chapters 19-20
Presentations on chapters 19 and 20

May 5-----Exam 5

All exams will be posted in the morning of the due date and will remain posted until 8:00 p.m.

Please conduct all your communications with the professor through regular email or telephone.

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