

**HIST 2112.15**  
**US History Since 1877**  
**Fall 2019**  
**Social Sciences Building, Room 2017**  
**Class Meeting Time: TR 6:30 – 7:45pm**

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**Course Communication [(Adjunct) Special Circumstance]** – Contact me if you would like to meet with me prior to our class, or after. I am a full-time professor at Young Harris College, which is approximately 2 hours from KSU, so while I’m very happy to meet with students, specific meeting times (appointments made in advance) are the best approach.

**Electronic Communications.** As per university policy, ONLY contact me with your KSU email account. KSU statement: “This is the sole email account you should use to communicate with your instructor or other university officials.” IMPORTANT: Please do NOT ever use D2L to contact me – use my KSUmail address noted above. If students reply to a message from me in D2L, and I answer their email, my reply is returned within 24 hours as “undeliverable.” ONLY EMAIL ME VIA KSUMAIL EMAIL, PLEASE!

**Course Description:**

This course examines the major themes in the social, cultural, political, and economic history of the United States since 1877, the multicultural nature of contemporary U.S. civilization, and the nation’s role in the global arena.

**Learning Objectives:**

**HIST B2112** satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the **U.S. PERSPECTIVES** general education learning outcome(s). The learning outcome states: Students identify the historical, political, social, or institutional developments of the United States. [http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=24&poid=2668](http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=24&poid=2668)

**Required Textbook:**

Brinkley, Alan. *The Unfinished Nation*, Volume II (8<sup>th</sup> edition).  
ISBN: 978-1-259-28475-5

### **Attendance Policy:**

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class. NOTE: Be aware that non-attendance does not constitute a withdrawal. Attendance is important for course success, and required for financial aid reporting as well.

SOLID ATTENDANCE BENEFIT: Students whose attendance is basically solid and consistent may receive – at the discretion of the instructor – an additional +2 final average points to achieve the next higher letter grade. Example: 78% (C) Final course average + 2 (attendance bonus) = 80% (B)

### **Electronic Devices Policy:**

Laptops allowed

Headphones NOT allowed

Phones put away - out of sight \*notify me prior to class if an important call or text is expected

NO electronics allowed during examinations

### **Course Assessments/Assignments:**

Textbook terms + lecture terms = possible exam material.

Final exam is comprehensive (materials from Exams I – III)

\* Extra credit points are available after Exams I, II, and III

### **Makeup Exams and Late Assignments:**

The History and Philosophy Department will proctor make-up exams for students with excused absences on test days. After the Fall 2019 semester begins, watch for D2L announcements from me regarding the day, time, and location of these departmental make-ups.

I do NOT accept late work, including any extra credit. Standard submission time, unless announced as a different deadline, is PRIOR to the start of class, which is 6:30 pm. Hard copies and electronic copies are equally welcome.

### **Grading:**

Each of the four exams – including the final - is weighted equally, at 25% of the final course average.  $25\% \times 4 = 100\%$

Students are evaluated on the following KSU grading scale:

A - (90 – 100)

B - (80 – 89)

C - (70 - 79)

D - (60 - 69)

F - (60 or below)

**I**—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course.

Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair's office.

**Academic Integrity Statement** <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> "Academic dishonesty (cheating and plagiarism) may result in a failing grade for the class." Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section 5. C of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the university's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to university materials, misrepresentation/falsification of university records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), which includes either an "informal" resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct's minimum one semester suspension requirement. See also <https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct>.

**Examples of Plagiarism Avoidance websites:**

<http://plagiarism.org/>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

**ADA Compliance:**

Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require "reasonable accommodation(s)" to complete the course may request those from Department of Student Success Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University's Department of Student Success Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or taking course quizzes or exams. Students may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations. For more information please visit their website, [sss.kennesaw.edu/sds](http://sss.kennesaw.edu/sds).

Contact information is as follows:

SDS Email: [sds@kennesaw.edu](mailto:sds@kennesaw.edu)

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Primary number for Marietta campus: [678-915-7244](tel:678-915-7244)

**Course Schedule:**

- (T) August 19: First Class Session
- (R) **September 12:** EXAM I
- (W) October 9: Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty
- (R) **October 17:** EXAM II
- (M-M) November 28-Dec 1 Fall Break - KSU Closed
- (R) **December 5:** EXAM III
- (R) **December 12:** FINAL EXAM (Comprehensive) 6pm to 8pm  
(Regular classroom: SO 2017)

**\*\*HIST/PHIL Dept Make-up Exams: Exams I, II, III can be taken on Friday, Dec 6  
1pm – 4pm (SO 2025) \*\***

EXAM I: Thursday 9/12      EXAM II: Thursday 10/17      EXAM III: Thursday 12/5

<u>Lectures:</u>	<u>Lectures:</u>	<u>Lectures:</u>
Southern Reconstruction and the Redemption Period	Great Depression and the New Deal	Postwar America
Imperialism and WWI	Rise of Totalitarianism; World War II	The Cold War: Foreign
		The Cold War: Domestic
		Late 20 <sup>th</sup> C. Globalism
<u>Textbook Terms Research Topics (see term sheets)</u> Reconstruction; Jim Crow; Native Americans; Gilded Age; Progressives; Historiographical Debates	<u>Textbook Terms Research Topics:</u> 1920s; WWII Theaters; Holocaust; Historiographical Debates	<u>Textbook Terms Research Topics:</u> Containment Applications; Blacklist; Conformity; Postwar Culture; the 1960s and 1970s