

## **A History of the United States Since 1877**

### **AMH 2020**

**Course Description:** Introductory Survey Since 1877 In this course, students will trace the history of the United States from the end of the Reconstruction Era to the contemporary era. Topics will include but are not limited to the rise of industrialization, the United States' emergence as an actor on the world stage, constitutional amendments and their impact, the Progressive Era, World War I, the Great Depression and New Deal, World War II, issues of civil and minority rights, the Cold War, and the United States since 1989.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Students will describe the factual details of the substantive historical episodes under study.
- Students will identify and analyze foundational developments that shaped American history since 1877 using critical thinking skills.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the primary ideas, values, and perceptions that have shaped United States history.
- Students will demonstrate competency in civic literacy.

**Course Learning Objectives** (including liberal studies learning objectives assigned to the course): By the end of the course, students will demonstrate the ability to:

History:

1. Discuss the role of historical factors in contemporary problems or personal experiences
2. Analyze claims about historical phenomena

Civic Literacy:

1. Develop and demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government
2. Develop and demonstrate an understanding of the United States Constitution and its application
3. Develop and demonstrate knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-governance
4. Develop and demonstrate an understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation, and landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society

#### **Grading Assignments:**

In-class Exams

Take-home exams

Reading Quizzes

Quizzes

Discussion  
Online posts  
Participation  
Museum visit paper  
Autobiographical essay  
Book reviews  
Zine projects (online magazines)  
Group projects  
Other projects

### **LIBERAL STUDIES STATEMENT**

This course has been approved to meet FSU's Liberal Studies History requirements and helps you become a critical analyst of theories and evidence about historical events and forces. By the end of this course, students will: 1. Discuss the role of historical factors in contemporary problems or personal experiences. 2. Analyze claims about historical phenomena.

### **UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

### **ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY**

The Florida State University Academic Honor Policy outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of students' academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process. Students are responsible for reading the Academic Honor Policy and for living up to their pledge to "...be honest and truthful and... [to] strive for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University." (Florida State University Academic Honor Policy, found at <http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy>)

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Florida State University (FSU) values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming. FSU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities in a manner that is consistent with academic standards of the course while empowering the student to meet integral requirements of the course. To receive academic accommodations, a student: (1) must register with and provide documentation to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS); (2) must provide a letter from OAS to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type; and, (3) should communicate with the instructor, as needed, to discuss recommended accommodations. A request for a meeting may be initiated by the student

or the instructor. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from the Office of Accessibility Services has been provided. This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request. For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the Office of Accessibility Services 874 Traditions Way 108 Student Services Building Florida State University Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167 (850) 644-9566 (voice) (850) 644-8504 (TDD) [oas@fsu.edu](mailto:oas@fsu.edu) <https://dsst.fsu.edu/oas>

### **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Your academic success is a top priority for Florida State University. University resources to help you succeed include tutoring centers, computer labs, counseling and health services, and services for designated groups, such as veterans and students with disabilities. The following information is not exhaustive, so please check with your advisor or the Dean of Students office to learn more.

### **CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES**

Various centers and programs are available to assist students with navigating stressors that might impact academic success. These include the following:

Victim Advocate Program  
University Center A, Rm. 4100  
(850) 644-7161  
Available 24/7/365  
Office Hours: M-F 8-5  
<https://dsst.fsu.edu/vap>

Counseling and Psychological Services Askew  
Student Life Center, 2nd floor  
942 Learning Way (850) 644-8255  
<https://counseling.fsu.edu/>

University Health Services Health and Wellness Center  
(850) 644-6230  
<https://uhs.fsu.edu/>