

NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STANDARD COURSE SYLLABUS
HIS 2223 - AMERICAN (U.S.) HISTORY II

COURSE TITLE: American (U.S.) History II

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a survey of U.S. history from Reconstruction to the present. Political, social, economic and cultural institutions will be examined in light of their adjustments to the rise of America's power in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. (3 credit hours) **Note: Students enrolled currently in ENG 0113 and/or REA 0113 should avoid this class.**

COURSE GOALS: Students will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the major ideas, forces, events, people, within a geographical context, that have shaped American history since 1877.

OUTCOME COMPETENCIES:

This course is designed to enable the student to:

1. know, understand, and appreciate the heritage of the United States;
2. analyze the past critically;
3. learn how the world got to be the way it is today;
4. explore the methodology of historical research;
5. expand his/her perspective by adding the dimensions of time and space;
6. develop the skills of reading, writing, and thinking.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students must meet the requirements of the NWCC attendance policy.
2. Students must have a final average that is passing as defined by the grading scale listed in the Course Outline.
3. Students must take all scheduled tests or receive a grade of zero on the missed test.
4. Students must purchase a copy of the text and read all assignments. Supplemental reading may be required also.
5. Students are responsible for material covered in class regardless of its format and regardless of their presence in class.
6. Students must adhere to the NWCC Code of Student Conduct.
7. Students must complete satisfactorily outside assignments related to the class; these include book reports, research papers and study sheets.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

The methods of instruction used for this course may include any or all of the following:

1. Lecture
2. Audio-visual presentations
3. Class discussion
4. Class exercises
5. Readings in the textbook
6. Outside readings
7. Writing assignments

EVALUATION TOOLS:

Evaluation tools used for this course may include any or all of the following:

1. Tests (multiple choice, matching, fill-in-the-blank, true/false, listing, map, art identification, essay)
2. Quizzes
3. Outside reading/writing assignments
4. Attendance
5. Class participation

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

See individual instructor's Course Outline for the specific textbook to purchase.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS/SUPPLIES:

See individual instructor's Course Outline for the specific equipment/materials/supplies to purchase.

GRADING POLICY:

NWCC does not have a standard grading scale for all classes. See individual instructor's Course Outline for the specific grading scale used for this class.

NWCC'S OFFICIAL ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR NON-ONLINE CLASSES:

ABSENCES: Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes is required of all students and is regarded as essential to course credit. Regardless of the nature of the absence, students must attend a minimum of 88% of all scheduled classes to be eligible to receive credit for the course. If a student's absences exceed 12% of the scheduled class meetings, that student will be withdrawn automatically from the class with a grade of *F*. For a class meeting 3 times a week, 7 absences is over 12%. For a class meeting 2 times a week, 5 absences is over 12%. For a class meeting only once a week, 3 absences are over 12%. "Excused" absences such as school trips and illnesses with a doctor's note do count. The terms "excused" and "unexcused" actually apply only to make-up work and are determined by the instructor; they do not affect the 12% cut-out rule.

TARDIES: Students are expected to be prompt in class attendance. If students miss 10 minutes or more of a class meeting (either by coming in late or by leaving early), they will be marked absent for that meeting. ***Three tardies or early departures (less than 10 minutes) will count as one absence.***

ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR ONLINE CLASSES:

For specific information regarding the attendance policy for online classes, see Course Outline.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING/ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Both cheating and plagiarism are prohibited. Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Alleged violations involving cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct will be handled according to the procedures outlined in the NWCC *Student Guide*. These procedures are as follows: Students involved in cheating or plagiarizing will be reported to a 5-member Ad Hoc Committee on Cheating and Plagiarism. The chairman of this committee will be the Academic or Career-Technical Dean as determined by the student's major. Other committee members will be the division director/chairman of the department in which the alleged dishonesty occurred, the student's faculty advisor, and 2 SGA members. The committee will review the alleged act and may assign sanctions ranging from imposing a failing grade in the course to withdrawal from the College.

STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY:

The instructor reserves the right to remove from the classroom any student whose conduct is disruptive of the learning process.

ADA STATEMENT:

Students with disabilities are encouraged to notify their instructors of their condition at the beginning of the semester. The college and your instructors will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES (COURSE OUTLINE):

Individual instructors and specific programs may have policies and requirements in addition to those listed here. Any additional course information that is particular to a given teacher or program will be included in the Course Outline attached to this syllabus. Note: The instructor reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the information provided in the syllabus and the course outline during the semester.