

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Social Sciences
HI 202-E01 Modern U.S. History 3 Credit Hours; CRN 10097
Fall 2018
Online Course

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And by appointment

Catalog Description and Student Learning Outcomes: A survey of the history of the United States from the end of Reconstruction to modern times. Emphasis is placed on internal expansion, isolationism, and U.S. emergence as a world power. At the end of the course students should be able to:

- Explain the causes and significance of the Great Depression, the Cold War, and the modern Civil Rights movement.
- Compare and evaluate various sources of history
- Critique historical assertions made by others

Required Texts

American YAWP: online American History text. You can find it at www.americanyawp.com

Technology Applications

Blackboard: This course will be administered through MVSU's Blackboard learning system. If you already have a Blackboard account, the course should appear when you log on; if not, you will need to contact the Distance Learning office to set up your account. They are located in the Education Building.

Please note that Blackboard is designed to work with the Firefox browser. If you use another browser such as Explorer or Chrome you may experience problems. I will not reopen quizzes or exams for problems caused by using an incompatible browser.

I understand that technology occasionally lets us down. If you have legitimate computer issues related to the course, please let me know and I will work with you to resolve the problem. However, not having internet is NOT a valid excuse.

Students should make themselves familiar with MVSU's Online Course Policies and Procedures, which can be found at the following link:

http://www.mvsu.edu/images/admin/spotedit/attach/1/Online_Courses_Policy_Procedures_Revised_2-1-12.pdf

Turnitin: Papers must be submitted via the course's turnitin account. You will need to create an account at turnitin.com. This is free and easy; if you have problems, please contact the instructor. You will need the course number and password. The course # is **18685961**; the password is **history**.

Note that any assignment with a turnitin originality score over 20% will receive a 0 grade and might result in other action.

YouTube: You will be asked to watch a number of videos. They can be found by searching for the title on Youtube.

Email: I check my email daily during the work week, and will always reply. If you do not receive a reply within a day, chances are I did not receive your email. Emails should include your name and course information and be written in an appropriate tone; emails using “text-ese” or other inappropriate language and grammar will not be answered, nor will I reply to emails when it is not clear who I am talking to. Due to university policy, I will not discuss grades via e-mail.

Reading: Reading is the key to doing well in this course. If you keep up with the reading, you should be fine. If not, you will probably struggle. If you spend time regularly this should not be an issue; if you leave it until the last day you will likely have a difficult time. Unfortunately, there are no shortcuts.

Late work: Late work or missed assignments may be completed only if the student has an official written excuse. All late work needs to be completed within one week of the student’s return to class.

Quizzes: Each week a short quiz is assigned. The purpose of the quizzes is to test your knowledge of that week’s chapter. The quizzes are short and should require no special preparation as long as you have read and understand the chapter.

Papers: During the term students will write 3 short papers. They are due on the dates indicated on the calendar. They must be submitted via turnitin.com. Details for the assignments will be posted on Blackboard at least one week before they are due. No late papers will be accepted.

Exams: We will have 2 exams: a midterm and a final. The date for the midterm is posted on the calendar below; the date for the final will be announced when we get the finals schedule. The midterm exam will cover chapters 16-21; the final exam will cover chapters 22-28. The exams will consist of a number of essay questions, matching and short answer. Further details will be provided before each exam.

Graduating seniors must take the final exam early. If you are a graduating senior, please notify the instructor. Further details will be announced.

Discussion: You will need to participate in three discussion sessions. The dates for these will be indicated on the calendar. The first is easy: read the Introduction thread and Reply with a short bio. Please include the following info: name, year, major, hometown. You may post more information if you'd like, but, for security reasons, nothing too personal.

The second two discussions will center either on a film or a reading. Each student will answer one of the given questions and respond to the answers given by two of your classmates. Details will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Grade: Your grade for the course will be computed by the following formula:

Quizzes (13x50 points each):	650
Introduction	100
Syllabus and Dishonesty Submission to turnitin.com	100
Discussion (2x250)	500
Papers (3x250 points each)	750
Mid-Term Exam:	250
<u>Final:</u>	<u>250</u>
Final Grade	2600

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students are expected to make themselves aware of MVSU's academic dishonesty guidelines, which can be found in the student handbook.

Students are required to submit the course syllabus and the University's Statement on Academic Dishonesty to turnitin.com. Doing so acknowledges that you are familiar with both documents. Failure to submit these documents will result in a failing grade in the course.

Students with Disabilities (SSD) Statement

Mississippi Valley State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with a documented disability. If you feel you are eligible to receive accommodations for a covered disability (medical, physical, psychiatric, learning, vision, hearing, etc.) and would like to request it for this course, you must be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) program administered by University College. It is recommended that you visit the Disabilities Office located inside the EMAP Computer Lab in the Technical Education (IT) Building to register for the program at the beginning of each semester.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mr. Billy Benson, Jr. via phone or email at 662-254-3005 or billy.benson@mvsu.edu.

MVSU Statement on Academic Integrity

Academic integrity includes a commitment to the values of honesty, trustworthiness, fairness, respect and responsibility. Academic integrity is violated by any dishonest act that is committed in an academic context. Honesty and integrity are essential values of the Mississippi Valley State University's mission to pursue truth and knowledge. Therefore, Mississippi Valley State University will not tolerate academic dishonesty in any form and will impose sanctions if clearly demonstrated. Academic dishonesty erodes the quality and value of degree conferred.

Although the faculty is responsible for establishing standards for moral and academic excellence in teaching and learning, these standards can be reached only with the cooperation and support of students. Students are expected, therefore, to accept responsibility for

maintaining honesty and integrity in all acts inside and outside the classroom, studio or laboratory.

For a detailed description of sanctions and appeal procedures consult Student Handbook and/or Undergraduate Catalog.

CALENDAR:

NOTE: This document does not constitute a contract with the University. It contains guidelines. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as necessary in the syllabus.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
1	8/20-8/25	Read YAWP Chapter 16 (90 minutes) Watch Crash US History #23: Industrial Economy (~15 minutes) Set up Turnitin.com account Submit Syllabus and Plagiarism Policy via turnitin.com Introduce yourself on the Discussion Board (90 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
2	8/26-9/1	Read YAWP Chapter 17 (90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #24: Westward Expansion (~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
3	9/2-9/8	Read YAWP Chapter 18 (90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #25: Growth, Cities and Immigration (~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
4	9/9-9/15	Read YAWP Chapter 19 (90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #28: American Imperialism (~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes) First paper due by midnight on 9/15. (180 minutes)
5	9/16-9/22	Read YAWP Chapter 20 (90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #29: Progressive Presidents (~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
6	9/23-9/29	Read YAWP Chapter 21(90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #30: American in World War 1(~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes) First Discussion Assignment (180 minutes)
7	9/30-10/6	Midterm Exam. Will be open until midnight on Saturday, 10/6. (120 minutes)
8	10/7-10/13	Read YAWP Chapter 22 (90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #32: The Roaring 20s (~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
9	10/14-10/20	Read YAWP Chapter 23 (90 minutes) Watch Crash Course #33: The Great Depression (~15 minutes) Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)

Second paper due by midnight on 10/13. (180 minutes)

- 10 10/21-10/27 Read YAWP Chapter 24 (90 minutes)
Watch Crash Course #35: World War II Part 1 (~15 minutes)
Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
- 11 10/28-11/3 Read YAWP Chapter 25 (90 minutes)
Watch Crash Course #37: The Cold War (~15 minutes)
Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
Second Discussion Assignment (180 minutes)
- 12 11/4-11/10 Read YAWP Chapter 26 (90 minutes)
Watch Crash Course #39: Civil Rights and the 1950s (~15 minutes)
Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
- 13 11/11-11/17 Read YAWP Chapter 27 (90 minutes)
Watch Crash Course #40: The 1960s (~15 minutes)
Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
Third paper due by midnight on 11/17 (180 minutes)
- 14 11/18-11/24 No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 15 11/25-12/1 11/18-11/24 Read YAWP Chapter 28 (90 minutes)
Watch Crash Course #42: Ford, Carter...Malaise (~15 minutes)
Weekly quiz on assigned chapter. Open Wed-Sat. (15 minutes)
- 16 12/2-12/6 Take final. Final exam will be available until Noon on Thursday, 12/6.
(120 min)

Note – All times given are approximate averages. Depending on the task, individual students might require more or less time.