HIS 202

American History: 1877 to Present

Course Description
This course is a survey of U.S. History from 1877 to the present. This course includes political, social, economic, and intellectual developments during this period.

Prerequisite: ENG 100, RDG 100.

3.0 Cr (3 lect/pres, 0 lab, 0 other)

Course Focus
This instructor will present material, starting with Reconstruction and closing with the Vietnam War, to the class on a regular basis covering designated topics using an outline that covers important historical persons, places, and events and their impact on the growth of American History during the Post-Civil War Era until the late-20th Century. This will allow students to have appropriate material for the three inclass exams and the numerous discussion group questions that they need to answer to successfully complete this course.

Text and References

Book from this Instructor’s Book List for Book Review Assignment- Changes Every Semester.

HIS 202 CORE CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES

All course approved for the general education core curriculum help students develop critical thinking and/or communication skills.

- This course develops written communications skills through written exams that require students to process and organize baseline material into exam essay questions and paragraph answers. The student must be able to do this by properly and effectively developing sentences and paragraphs to answer specific study guide questions for the exam. Students also develop verbal communication skills by
participating in class discussion groups or comparable arrangements to answer questions posed to them by the instructor. They work together in groups to develop answers to these discussion questions and present orally to the class as a whole.

- This course develops critical thinking skills for students through a critical book review/research paper and other writing assignments in which they must answer a set of questions/criteria posed to them and create responses combining their personal opinions, general explanation of these opinions in their own words, and specific book/source information to explain their general explanations. Students will develop a main body of their review/research paper using the above or similar skills in the process of completing this specific writing assignment.

Course Goals
The following list of course goals will be addressed in the course. These goals are directly related to the performance objectives. (*designates a CRUCIAL goal)

1. Characterize Civil War Consequences Significance
2. Characterize President Lincoln Reconstruction Position Importance *
3. Characterize President Johnson Reconstruction Position Importance
4. Characterize Radical Republican Reconstruction Position Importance
5. Clarify First Class Citizenship Main Features *
6. Clarify Southern Political Parties Positions Significance
7. Clarify Southern Social Climate Conditions Impact
8. Define Nineteenth Century Capitalism Main Features *
9. Define Nineteenth Century Industrial Development Significance
10. Define Southern Segregation Impact *
11. Describe American Federation Labors Significance
12. Describe Industry Captains Impact
13. Describe Labor Knights Significance
14. Determine Grange Society Significance
15. Determine Nineteenth Century Urban Expansion Impact
16. Determine Nineteenth Century Urban Migration Impact
17. Distinguish Farmers Alliance Movement Importance
18. Distinguish Populist Party Political Impact
19. Explain American Society European Comparisons Importance
20. Explain Progressive Era Main Features Significance *
21. Explain Progressive Era Main Supporters Impact
22. Explain World War I Main Causes
23. Illuminate American Allied Support Significance
24. Illuminate Paris Peace Conference Significance
25. Illuminate Total War Impact
26. Illustrate Great Depression Main Causes
27. Illustrate Roaring Twenties Consumerism Promotion Importance *
28. Illustrate Victorian Values American Impact
29. Interpret Great Depression Traditional Solutions Impact
30. Interpret New Deal Economic Significance *
31. Interpret Nineteen Thirties Foreign Policy Features
32. Recognize Allied Victory Importance
33. Recognize Later American Success Impact
34. Recognize Pearl Harbor Attack Significance
35. Recount American Soviet Superpower Rivalry Significance *
36. Recount Cold War Dominant America Significance
37. Recount Cold War Shattered Europe Importance
38. Reveal Cold War Early Events Impact
39. Reveal Fair Deal Civil Rights Impact
40. Reveal Great Migration Occurrence Importance
41. Reveal Warren Court Civil Rights Importance
42. Specify Civil Disobedience Movement Significance *
43. Specify First Indochina War Impact
44. Specify Initial American Vietnam Involvement Importance
45. Specify Second Indochina War Impact *

Student Contributions
Each student will spend at least 6 hours per week preparing for class. Attendance is critical in this class.

Course Evaluation
There will be at least three written tests and one outside writing assignment.

Course Schedule
The class meets for 3 lecture/presentation hours per week. It includes coverage of topics from the mid-19th through the late-20th Centuries such as Reconstruction, Late-19th Century Industrial Society, Late-19th Century Agricultural Society, the Progressive Era, World War I, the Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement & the Vietnam War.

ADA STATEMENT
The Technical College of the Lowcountry provides access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation, contact the counselor for students with disabilities at (843) 525-8228 during the first ten business days of the academic term.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT
There is no tolerance at TCL for academic dishonesty and misconduct. The College expects all students to conduct themselves with dignity and to maintain high standards of responsible citizenship.

It is the student’s responsibility to address any questions regarding what might constitute academic misconduct to the course instructor for further clarification.

The College adheres to the Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System. Copies of the Student Code and Grievance Procedure are provided in the TCL Student Handbook, the Division Office, and the Learning Resources Center.

ATTENDANCE
The College’s statement of policy indicates that students must attend ninety percent of total class hours or they will be in violation of the attendance policy.

- Students not physically attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.
Students taking an online/internet class must sign in and communicate with the instructor within the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester to indicate attendance in the class. Students not attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.

Reinstatement requires the signature of the division dean.

In the event it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from the course OR if a student stops attending class, it is the student’s responsibility to initiate and complete the necessary paperwork. Withdrawing from class may have consequences associated with financial aid and time to completion.

When a student exceeds the allowed absences, the student is in violation of the attendance policy. The instructor MUST withdrawal the student with a grade of “W”, “WP”, or “WF” depending on the date the student exceeded the allowed absences and the student’s progress up to the last date of attendance

or

Under extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the faculty member teaching the class, allow the student to continue in the class and make-up the work. This exception must be documented at the time the allowed absences are exceeded.

Absences are counted from the first day of class. There are no "excused" absences. All absences are counted, regardless of the reason for the absence.

- A student must take the final exam or be excused from the final exam in order to earn a non-withdrawal grade.
- A copy of TCL’s STATEMENT OF POLICY NUMBER: 3-1-307 CLASS ATTENDANCE (WITHDRAWAL) is on file in the Division Office and in the Learning Resources Center.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

In case weather conditions are so severe that operation of the College may clearly pose a hardship on students and staff traveling to the College, notification of closing will be made through the following radio and television stations: WYKZ 98.7, WGCO 98.3, WGZO 103.1, WFXH 106.1, WWVV 106.9, WLOW 107.9, WGR 104.9, WFXH 1130 AM, WLVP 101.1, WSOX 1230 AM, WAEV 97.3, WTOP TV, WTGS TV, WJW TV, and WSAV TV. Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE ALERT

Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. Participants receive immediate notification of emergency events and weather cancelations via text messaging on their cell phones. Participants can also opt in to receive non-emergency news and announcements. Go to www.tcl.edu. On the homepage, click on “emergency TextAlert at TCL” and fill out the form or go to www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

GRADING METHODOLOGY

The final grade must be 70 or more (a grade “C” or better) in order to pass the course and progress to the next course. Students absent from an examination or presentation will receive a “0” grade for the examination unless other arrangements are made with the individual instructor prior to the examination or presentation day or on the examination or presentation day before the test/presentation is scheduled to be given.

The student is responsible for notifying the instructor for the reason of the absence. It is also the responsibility of the student to contact the appropriate instructor to arrange to make up the examination. Arrangements may be completed by telephone.
If the instructor is not available, a message should be left on the instructor’s voice mail AND with another member of the faculty or administrative assistant. The make-up exam will be scheduled and the instructor will decide the method of examination. Messages sent by other students are unacceptable.

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