

History of Technology and Innovation

HIST 1303.001

Course Logistics and Instructor Contact Information

Course Title: History of Technology and Innovation in Modern America

Course Number and Section: HIST 1303.001

Scheduled Class Days and Times: MW 2:30-3:55

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Office Hours: Days/Times AND by appointment: 11:30 - 1:30 MW; 5-6 M. Other times by appointment. Office hours will be virtual and/or in-person.

Office Hours Zoom Meeting Room ID: 974 581 2321 (Passcode: 2023Fall)

Class Meeting Zoom: 868 3650 8366 (Passcode: 2023Fall)

Course Information

Textbook:

McGerr, Michael, et al. *Of the People: A History of the United States*. (5th Ed., Vol. 2). ISBN: 9780197586150.

Method of Instruction:

Lecture is the primary teaching method. I will hold face-to-face lectures in the assigned classroom on the assigned days. Face-to-Face is THE designated method of delivery for this class. I understand your concerns in these trying times and I will, however, make accommodations for those either not vaccinated and/or fearful of being around other people and will make Zoom sessions available. The lectures will also be recorded and posted to Canvas. By necessity these recordings will be posted a few hours after the class ends--the recordings are not a substitute for attending either in person or virtually--they are for your note taking convenience and review. I may well contact each of you via zoom for one-on-one conferences and/or discussions. If we have an outbreak of COVID or some other crisis on campus and/or around the state and once again, all classes will transition to a totally online model if needed. IF this should happen, I will continue with the Zoom sessions. I may record the videos at home and post them for you to watch and/or I may post lecture videos from past classes that cover the topic. You will be advised as to the mode of delivery if this should become necessary.

Methods of Evaluation:

The student's mastery of the subject material will be determined through exams. An exam will be given in class on each scheduled test day. Do not be late—it will reduce the amount of time you have to complete the exam. The Class Participation grade I determine based upon online participation or in-class participation, my evaluation of your participation in class discussions and behavior. For those attending Face-to-Face an attendance sheet will be passed; for those watching on Zoom, I will inform you of when to text the word of the day. Your texted response will be your attendance. Each exam will be based upon the content of lectures, discussions, and your readings. Test format will be face-to-face **ONLY**.

Graded Assignments:

Exam #1:	20%
Exam #2:	20%
Exam #3:	25%
Final Exam:	25%
Class Participation:	10%

Grade Standard:

A = 90-100
B = 80 - 89
C = 70 - 79
D= 60 - 69
F = 0 - 59

Attendance:

All students are expected to attend and/or watch every class meeting. In class, I will have a sign-in sheet. On line, I will give a word of the day that you will enter into the chat when directed to do so. Failure to do so will be counted as an absence. Make-up exams will be given only to students with, in the opinion of the instructor, a valid reason for missing the exam. Each student is only allowed one make-up exam; all other missed exams will receive a zero. Make-up exams will not receive the in-class benefits of bonus questions and/or a grade curve (if given). Failure to take the make-up will result in a zero for that exam.

Behavior:

Whether face-to-face or via live video, all students will maintain respect and courtesy for their classmates and for the instructor. Frequent violations of this rule will result in a lowered class participation grade and egregious violations may result in the instructor lowering the student's semester grade. Remember, although the United States practices democracy in the form of a representative constitutional republic, this class is a benevolent dictatorship. If student conduct becomes unacceptable, the instructor will ask the student to leave and not return.

Course Calendar:

Week 01:

- Aug. 21 Introduction, Syllabus Discussion
Aug. 23 The Railroads and Westward Expansion
(OTP Ch. 15 pgs. 494-520)

Week 02:

- Aug. 28 Agricultural Revolution (OTP Ch. 16)
Aug. 30 Industrial Revolution (OTP Ch. 17)

Week 03:

- Sept. 04 **Labor Day Holiday—NO CLASS [Census Day]**
Sept. 06 Rise of the Big Cities (OTP Ch. 18 to pg. 608)

Week 04:

- Sept. 11 **Exam #1 (Covers OTP Chapters 15 from pg. 494, 16, 17, & 18 to pg. 608)**
Sept. 13 The Theory of Empire (OTP Ch. 18 start at pg. 608)

Week 05:

- Sept. 18 Acquiring an Empire (OTP Ch. 18)
Sept. 20 Technology of the Spanish American War (OTP Ch. 19)

Week 06:

- Sept. 25 The Progressive Era (OTP Ch. 19-20)
Sept. 27 The Progressive Era (OTP Ch. 20)

Week 07:

- Oct. 02 **Exam #2 (Covers OTP Chapters 18 from pg. 607, 19, & 20)**
Oct. 04 World War I Technology (OTP Ch. 20)

Week 08:

- Oct. 09 World War I
Oct. 11 Consumerism of the Roaring '20s (OTP Ch. 21)

Week 09:

- Oct. 16 Depression and the New Deal (OTP Ch. 22)
Oct. 18 Depression

Week 10:

- Oct. 23 **Exam #3 (Covers OTP Chapters 20, 21, and 22)**
Oct. 25 World War II (OTP Ch. 23)

Week 11:

- Oct. 30 World War II (OTP Ch. 23)
Nov. 01 World War II (OTP Ch. 23)

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW is Friday, Nov. 03

Week 12:

- Nov. 06 Origins of the Cold War (OTP Ch. 24)
- Nov. 08 Korean Conflict (OTP Ch. 24)

Week 13:

- Nov. 13 Consumerism Pt. 2 the Affluent Society
- Nov. 15 Ike and the Affluent Society of the 1950s (OTP Ch. 25)

Week 14:

- Nov. 20 **Thanksgiving Break–No Class**
- Nov. 22 **Thanksgiving Break–No Class**

Week 15:

- Nov. 27 JFK and LBJ Vietnam / The Great Society (OTP Ch. 26)
- Nov. 29 Vietnam and Nixon / Watergate (OTP Ch. 27)

- Dec. 06 **Final Exam (2:45 -4:45 PM)**
(Covers *OTP* Chapters 24, 25, and 26)