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20<sup>th</sup> Century Presidential Leadership  
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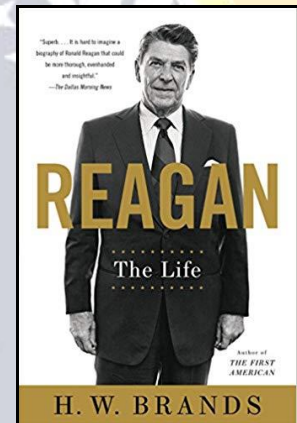
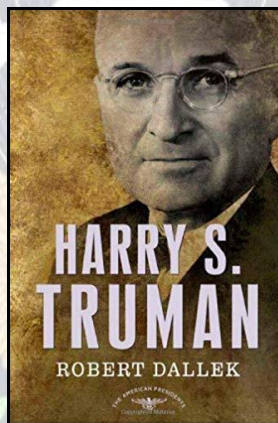
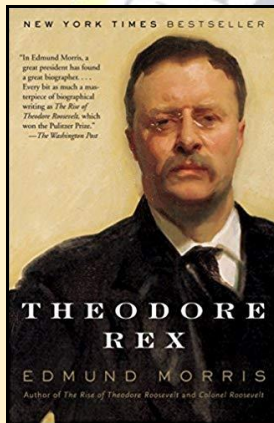
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## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Presidential Leadership Syllabus and Calendar

**Course Description:** This course is a study of the historical facts regarding the development and governance of the United States from the end of Reconstruction the present. We will also examine the social, economic, and ever-changing political arena of the United States. Through the course of the semester, we will focus on a number of trends, events, and personalities as we investigate the following topics: the industrial revolution; the development of a truly national economy; imperialism; the US as a world power; World Wars I and II; the Cold War; Korea; Vietnam; and the modern era.

### Textbook:

Morris, Edmund. *Theodore Rex*. 9780812966008.  
Dalleck, Robert. *Harry S. Truman*. 9780805069389.  
Brands, H.W. *Reagan: The Life*. 9780307951144.



**Office Hours:** 10:15-11:10 MWF; 12:15-1:15 MW; 5:00-6:00 M; Other times by appointment.

### Major Learning Outcomes:

- I. The student will describe the impact of technology on the Presidency.
- II. The student will describe how the role of the President has changed in the conduct of the government, in domestic and in world affairs in the twentieth century.
- III. The student will explain the problems related to the growth of presidential power.
- IV. The student will trace the impact of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War on the presidency.
- V. The student will describe the growth of the president's role in diplomatic and world affairs and how that impacted the growth of the Imperial President.
- VI. The student will explain presidential domestic agendas—Progressivism, the New Deal, and the Great Society—and its impact on the Office of the President.

**Methods of Evaluation:** The student's mastery of the subject material will be determined through exams. An exam will be given on each scheduled test day. Do not be late—it will reduce the amount of time you have to complete the exam. The first exam will each be worth 20% of your final grade, the second exam will be worth 25%. The final exam is worth 25% of your grade. It will be given on Friday, Dec. 17. A research paper will be worth 20% of your grade. Details will be given in class. The remaining 10% of your grade is based upon class participation. I determine this grade based upon class attendance and my evaluation of your participation in class discussions and behavior. Every absence after the third grace absence (the equivalent of one week of class time) is worth 10 points

deducted from your class participation grade. Each exam will be based upon the content of lectures, discussions, and your readings. Test format will be discussed prior to the first exam. No electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, pagers, computers, cameras, etc.) will be used in the classroom once the exam has been passed out. In addition, once the first exam has been turned in to the instructor or his representative, no further exams will be handed out. Any student who enters following this event will be considered absent and will take the make-up exam on the make-up exam day.

**Methods of Instruction:** Lecture is the primary teaching method; however, class discussions, outside projects, and outside reading will be used. I will endeavor to record lectures each day using Zoom or some other recording system and post them in Canvas—THIS DOES NOT REPLACE class attendance.

**Attendance:** All students are expected to attend every class meeting. Failure to sign the class attendance roster is an absence. Students who come in late may be counted absent if the instructor believes the student missed too much of the class. 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).

**Behavior:** All students will maintain respect and courtesy for their classmates and for the instructor. Do not use pagers, cell phones, communicators, signal fires, or other disruptive communicative devices during class. Turn off such annoying hindrances to the learning process before class begins. 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. No profanity, sleeping, talking that interrupts the instructor, lewd, rude, or socially unacceptable behavior (and even some socially acceptable behavior may not be allowed in class). "Free love" should not be practiced in this class—hands off others and yourself. 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.

#### **UT Tyler Honor Code**

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

#### **Students Rights and Responsibilities:**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

#### **Campus Carry:**

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

#### **UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University:**

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.

Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free).

#### **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Spring, the Census Date is Jan. 27). Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.



Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date (Jan. 27) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

#### **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

#### **Student Accessibility and Resources:**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible diagnosis such as chronic illness, TBI, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

#### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance:**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester. Revised 09/16

#### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

#### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

#### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

#### **Student Standards of Academic Conduct:**

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in

whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

i. “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student’s test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
- falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
- taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
- misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

ii. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

iii. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™, available on Blackboard.

#### UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254).

#### Tentative Calendar of Instruction:

Jan. 13	Introduction, Syllabus Discussion	
Jan. 15	The Modern Presidency	
Jan. 17	William McKinley	
Jan. 20	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—NO CLASS</b>	
Jan. 22	Theodore Roosevelt	
Jan. 24	Theodore Roosevelt	
Jan. 27	Theodore Roosevelt	<b>CENSUS DAY</b>



Jan. 29	William Howard Taft	
Jan. 31	Woodrow Wilson	
Feb. 03	Woodrow Wilson	
Feb. 05	Woodrow Wilson	
Feb. 07	Warren G. Harding	
Feb. 10	Calvin Coolidge	
Feb. 12	Herbert Hoover	
Feb. 14	<b>Exam. #1, Part 1</b>	
Feb. 17	<b>Exam #1, Part 2</b>	<b>(Read Theodore Rex)</b>
Feb. 19	Franklin D. Roosevelt	
Feb. 21	Franklin D. Roosevelt	
Feb. 24	Franklin D. Roosevelt	
Feb. 26	Franklin D. Roosevelt	
Feb. 28	Harry S Truman	
Mar. 02	Harry S. Truman	
Mar. 04	Harry S. Truman	
Mar. 06	Dwight D. Eisenhower	
Mar. 09	<b>Spring Break</b>	
Mar. 11	<b>Spring Break</b>	
Mar. 13	<b>Spring Break</b>	
Mar. 16	Dwight D. Eisenhower	
Mar. 18	John F. Kennedy	
Mar. 20	John F. Kennedy	
Mar. 23	Lyndon B. Johnson	
Mar. 25	Lyndon B. Johnson	
Mar. 27	Lyndon B. Johnson	
Mar. 30	Lyndon B. Johnson	
Apr. 01	Lyndon B. Johnson	
Apr. 03	<b>Exam #2, Part 1</b>	
Apr. 06	<b>Exam #2, Part 1</b>	<b>(Read Harry S. Truman)</b>
Apr. 08	Richard M. Nixon	
Apr. 10	Richard M. Nixon	
Apr. 13	Gerald R. Ford	
Apr. 15	James Earl Carter	
Apr. 17	Ronald Reagan	
Apr. 20	Ronald Reagan	
Apr. 22	George H. W. Bush	
Apr. 24	William Jefferson Clinton	<b>Research Papers Due</b>
Apr. 27	<b>Study Day—NO CLASS</b>	
May 01	<b>Final Exam (10:15-12:15)</b>	<b>(Read Reagan: The Life)</b>