Dotson -- Summer I

History 4389: America Since 1945

#### **Introduction:**

In this course we will discuss the social and political changes in the United States following World War II. At times throughout the semester you may have some questions or concerns; please feel free to contact me either after class or via email. Below I have listed all of the important information you will need to in order to contact me outside of class.

Instructor: M. Dotson Email: <u>mdotson@uttyler.edu</u>

Office: BUS 204A Office Phone: 903.566.7179

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

The best way to reach me is by email. During the week I will return emails within 24 hours and on the weekend within 72 hours.

### **Notice on Emails to Instructors:**

There are very important things that must be included when you contact the instructor. First you need to check the syllabus to see if your question has already been answered. Any emails that are sent with questions that have answers in the syllabus will be responded with an attachment of the syllabus. Second you must include your name in your email. Do not assume that because you use your student email that I will automatically know your name. And finally you need to include the name and/or course number of the course in which you are enrolled.

#### Example:

To: mdotson@uttyler.edu

From: <u>Student@patriots.uttyler.edu</u> (YOU MUST EMAIL FROM YOUR PATRIOTS ACCOUNT IF YOU USE AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNT I WILL NOT RESPOND)

Subject: HIST 4389.001

Dotson,

Here is my question (The answer cannot be found in the syllabus). My name is Student Name.

Thanks, Student

#### **Required Text:**

Moving On: The American People Since 1945, 5th Edition by Moss and Thomas

## **Course Objectives:**

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- 1. Identify and evaluate significant individuals and events in the second half of the twentieth century in the United States.
- 2. Recognize and analyze political, social, and economic changes in the second half of the twentieth century in the United States.
- 3. Identify and evaluate causes and effects of domestic and international issues and events in the second half of the twentieth century in the United States.

#### **Expectations and Etiquette:**

It is expected that we will all retain respect for one another in this class and incivility will not be tolerated. I encourage you to form your own opinions about the topics that we will be discussing, but note that not everyone will share all of your sentiments. You can disagree with someone, but it should be done without being insulting or degrading. If your behavior has been deemed inappropriate you will be warned. Further offenses can impact your grade, your enrollment in this course, or may be forwarded to the appropriate campus administrators.

#### **Methods of Evaluation:**

Throughout the semester you will have two exams; a midterm and a final. Your exams will be conducted in class on a specific time and day. You will have a limited time to complete the exam. Please do not be late on exam day as it will reduce the amount of time you have to complete the exam. Make-up exams will only be given at the discretion of the instructor. Not all missed exams will be guaranteed to have a make-up.

Additionally you will be required to complete two *American Historical Association* style book reviews over the course of this semester. These book reviews must be between one thousand and fifteen hundred words. You will pick two books from two provided lists. You can only select one book from each list.

Exams - 55% Book Reviews - 30% Attendance - 15%

### **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. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <a href="http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar">http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar</a>. 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 is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. 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.

## **Disability Services:**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria apply to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu.

## **Academic Honesty:**

You will be held to the highest academic standards in this course. It is expected that all of your coursework will be completed by you and you alone. If you are caught cheating in this course, you will automatically receive a failing grade in the course. Additionally the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will be notified and steps will be taken as he sees fit.

Please note that academic dishonesty has gotten students removed from the university on their very first offense.

# **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 to the current Student Handbook.

# **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 Absence Due to Religious Observances:**

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.

## **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.