

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: American Modern

Course Number and Section:

HISTORY

2302G 550

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Course Description:

The course addresses large questions that are just as important to us as they were to the people of the past. What is freedom, and how does the definition of freedom change over time? What have been the avenues to social, economic and political power, and to whom are those avenues opened– and closed? What sources and historical interpretations influence the way in which the story of the American past is told?

Learning Outcomes:

1. Recognize and define main themes across the broad sweep of U.S. social, religious and political history;
2. Analyze primary sources;
3. Question and evaluate historiographical debates among U.S. historians across a range of topics;
4. Recognize the sources and interpretive frameworks that have shaped the way in which the story of the American past has been told;
5. Engage the larger question of why any of this matters to us here and now.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

1. American Yawp (Open source textbook available online at no cost)
 2. The American Yawp Documentary Reader (Open source primary source reader, available online at no cost)
 3. Anne Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi* (available through the Western Bookstore)
- In addition, choose one of the following:
Kevin Boyle, *Arc of Justice* (available through the Western Bookstore)
OR
Wendy Rouse, *Public Faces, Secret Lives: A History of the Women's Suffrage Movement*

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	weekly	20
Primary Source Research Proposal	February 9	10
In-class research update	To be scheduled	5
Research Essay	March 29	30
Final Exam	To be scheduled in Final exam period	25
Reflection on archival research	April 5	10

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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