



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer School**

HIS 170 American History Since 1865

Term: May 29 – June 29, 2017

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Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)

Office Hours:

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Discussion session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)

Credit: 4 units

Course Description

This course focuses on the social, cultural, political and economic history of the United States after the Civil War examining significant landmark political events as well as the everyday experiences of women, minorities, and other underrepresented groups. It emphasizes key issues in American politics and society since 1865 including reconstruction, the growth of big business; changes in the lives of farmers, workers, and immigrants; the rise of the city; the emergence of America as a world power; and reform movements among rural and urban labor, and among minority groups.

Course Goals

By the end of this course students will

- ✧ have the ability to read primary and secondary sources (including digital sources) with a critical eye and express these ideas effectively in course assessments
- ✧ have the skills to analyze a variety of different types of written texts (or in some cases material evidence or oral accounts) and identify how each text is shaped by author, audience, and the context in which they were constructed.
- ✧ demonstrate an understanding of the interactions between different parts of the world (or between different groups within a single society) and how these relationships have affected the development of respective regions, ethnicities or identities.

Required Text

The required text is *Out of Many: A History of the American People, Brief Edition, Volume 2*, ISBN: ISBN-10: 0205010628 • ISBN-13: 9780205010622. Etext is available at Amazon or Pearson Higher ed. ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE ASSIGNED TEXTBOOK TO SUCCEED IN THIS CLASS. EXAMS, QUIZZES, AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE BASED LARGELY ON THE TEXTBOOK CONTENTS.



Required course materials

Other readings will be made available as pdfs emailed directly to the students via the professor or teaching assistant.

Attendance

Attendance in class is mandatory. If an absence is unavoidable, arrangements must be made in advance to avoid penalty. UIBE policy requires a medical certificate to be excused. Any unexcused absences may impact the student's grade. Moreover, UIBE policy is that a student who has missed more than one-third of the class (6 class times) of a course will fail.

Grading Policy

Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%
Quizzes (3)	25%
Classroom Assignments	20%

Course Hours

The course has 20 class sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length for a total of 2,400 minutes of class time. The course meets from Monday to Thursday.

Grades

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

- A 90-100
- A- 85-89
- B+ 82-84
- B 78-81
- B- 75-77
- C+ 72-74
- C 68-71
- C- 64-67
- D 60-63
- F below 60

Course Schedule

Week 1 (May 29-June 1)

Rebuilding a Nation
(Chapter 17, 18, 19)

Week 2 (June 5-8)

American Empire
(Chapter 20, 21, 22)

Midterm Exam



Week 3 (June 12-15)

Abundance to Collapse

(Chapters 23, 24)

Week 4 (June 19-22)

American Democracy/American Imperialism

(Chapters 25, 26, 27)

Week 5 (June 26-29)

A Nation in Turmoil (Chapters 28, 29)

Final Exam