



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

**HIS 170 American History Since 1865**

**Term: May 24 - June 24, 2021**

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**In-Person Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day**

**Office Hours: TBA**

**Due to the on-going pandemic, it is likely that classes will be offered online. UIBE ISS will notify students once the decision has been made.**

**Remote Class Requirements: Five 30-minute video lectures plus 30 mins activities = 5 hrs/wk**

**Zoom meetings (1 hour) Monday and Wednesday 10 am Beijing time = 2 hrs/wk**

**Tests = 1-1.5-hour test /wk**

**Office Hours by appointment**

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

**Credit: 4 units**

**Course Description:**

This course will focus 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:**

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

Students will have the skills to analyze a variety of different types of written texts, visual /material evidence or oral accounts, and identify how each text is shaped by author, audience, and the context in which they were constructed.

Students will demonstrate a broad understanding of the major events, people, and issues relevant to the U.S. historical narrative through exams, quizzes, and assignments.

**Required Textbook:**

Hewitt and Lawson, Exploring American Histories: A Survey with Sources, Second Edition, Volume 2 ISBN-13: 978-1457694714

**Grading Policy:**

- ◇ Midterm Exam 100 points
- ◇ Final Exam 100 points
- ◇ 3 Quizzes @30 points 90 points
- ◇ 10 In-Class Assignments @3 points 30 points
- ◇ Attendance/Participation 50 points (lose 2 points for each non-response)
- ◇ Pop quiz at any time to determine that students have completed required activities.

**Total Course 370 points**

**Grading Scale:**

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

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

**Class Rules:**

A summer course is an intense and fast-paced learning environment. Students must make a commitment to the course in order to earn a passing grade. To create a successful learning environment all students must adhere to the following rules:

- ◇ Students must complete all required activities within the time frame given
- ◇ Students must attend all classes/zoom sessions or make alternative arrangements with the professor
- ◇ Students will lose points for all classes/zoom sessions missed/failure to participate when called
- ◇ please avoid chatting, not paying attention during classes/zoom session
- ◇ cheating, not doing your own work, incomplete assignments may lead to failure

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance in class/zoom session 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 without prior arrangement will fail.

### **Course Schedule:**

#### **Week 1 Emancipation and Reconstruction**

Reading: Exploring American Histories, Chapter 14, 15, 16 Rebuilding and Expansion

#### **Lecture/Video 1 Emancipation**

Document Activity 1: Freedpeople's petition

#### **Lecture/Video 2 Reconstruction**

Document Activity 2: Sharecropping agreement

#### **Lecture/Video The West**

Document Activity 3: Buffalo Bill poster

#### **Lecture/Video 4 Industrial America**

#### **Lecture/Video 5 The Gilded Age**

Zoom session 1: Introduction and Syllabus Q&A, in-class activity 1

Zoom Session 2: in-class activity 2, preparation for quiz 1

*Quiz 2 – 10 multiple choice, 1 short answer questions*

**QUIZ 1: released Friday of Week 1 10am, 1 hour to complete**

#### **Week 2 The Gilded Age**

Reading: Exploring American Histories Chapter 17, 18, 19 - Seeking National Unity

#### **Lecture/Video 6 Workers and Farmers**

Document Activity 1: The Money Question

#### **Lecture/Video 7 Strike**

Document Activity 2: Strike

#### **Lecture/Video 8 Cities and Immigrants**

Document Activity 3: Melting Pot

#### **Lecture/Video 9 Progressivism 1**

#### **Lecture/Video 10 Progressivism 2**

Zoom session 1: Review of Quiz 1, in-class activity 1

Zoom Session 2: in-class activity 2, preparation for quiz 2

*Quiz 2 – 10 multiple choice, 2 short answer questions*

**QUIZ 2: released Friday of Week 2 10am, 1 hour to complete**

#### **Week 3 Empire, War, Depression**

Reading: Exploring American Histories, Chapters 20, 21, 22 - Abundance to Collapse

#### **Lecture/Video 11: Empire**

Document Activity 1: White Man's Burden

#### **Lecture/Video 12: First World War**

#### **Lecture/Video 13: The Twenties**

Document Activity 2: New Negro

#### **Lecture/Video 14: The Great Depression**

### **Lecture/Video 15: The New Deal**

Zoom session 1: Review of Quiz 2, in-class activity 1

Zoom Session 2: in-class activity 2, preparation for Midterm

*Midterm Exam – 5 multiple choice, 5 short answer questions*

**Midterm: released Friday of Week 3 10am, 1.5 hour to complete**

### **Week 4 Postwar America and Civil Rights**

Reading: Exploring American Histories, Chapters 23, 24, 25 - New World Order

#### **Lecture/Video 16: World War II**

#### **Lecture/Video 17: The Postwar world**

#### **Lecture/Video 18: The Cold War Takes Hold**

Document Activity 1: Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan

#### **Lecture/Video 19: The Fifties**

#### **Lecture/Video 20: Civil Rights**

Zoom session 1: Review of Midterm, in-class activity 1

Zoom Session 2: in-class activity 2, preparation for quiz 3

*Quiz 3 – 10 multiple choice document questions, 1 longer answer*

**QUIZ 3: released Friday of Week 4 10am, 1 hour to complete**

### **Week 5 The Two Americas**

Reading: A Nation in Turmoil (Chapters 26, 27, 28)

#### **Lecture/Video 21: The Vietnam War**

Document Activity 1: Cuban Missile Crisis

#### **Lecture/Video 22: Liberalism**

#### **Lecture/Video 23: Conservatism**

Document Activity 2: Reagan

#### **Lecture/Video 24: The Cold War ends**

#### **Lecture/Video 25: America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Zoom session 1: Review of Quiz 3, in-class activity 1

Zoom Session 2: in-class activity 2, preparation for Final

*Final exam – two longer answer document questions, one short answer*

**Final: released Friday of Week 5 10am, 1.5 hour to complete**