Missouri State University  
HST 122- Survey of the History of the United States Since 1877
Course Syllabus

**Semester:** Fall 2020
**Course Number:** HST 122-010 and HST 122-XXX
**Class Time and Location:** Section 010: MWF 2:30- 3:20 p.m., Strong Hall 203  
Section 001: MWF 3:35- 4:25 p.m., Strong Hall 203
**Instructor:** Jason Rice
**Office:** Strong 430
**Office Hours:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I will be holding virtual office hours this semester. Office hours will be held on M & W, 1:00 2:00 p.m., or by appointment.
**Email Address:** JasonRice@MissouriState.edu

**Required Textbooks:**


**Course Content:** Classroom activities will consist of lectures, discussion, and activities. Assignments will include readings from the textbook and handouts, written assignments, tests, and a final exam. You will also be expected to write a paper on the book *Warriors Don’t Cry* and will complete one short writing assignment. Each student is expected to complete all assigned work.

Tests will include multiple choice, fill in the blank, and short essay questions, which will draw from lectures and assigned reading materials. Extra credit is rarely offered and should not be expected. Should the instructor offer extra credit, the entire class will be eligible to participate in the opportunity.

**Grading:**

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<td>Two tests (100 points each)</td>
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<td>Two quizzes (20 points each)</td>
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<td>One short writing assignment</td>
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You are required to turn in all assignments on time. Overdue assignments will receive a penalty of five points per day that the assignment is overdue. This penalty will be waived in instances where student has provided appropriate documentation to excuse his or her absence. **No assignments that are more than ten days overdue will be accepted.**
Missed exams can be made up only in extraordinary circumstances, which are determined at the instructor’s discretion. All make up exams will be entirely essay and will be administered during the week before final exams.

KEEP ALL GRADED MATERIALS after they are returned to you, at least until your final grade is submitted. Always keep an electronic copy of any written assignment when you turn in the paper copy just in case it needs to be reprinted and resubmitted.

**Final Exam:** The final exam (and all other exams) will be held in your regular classroom unless you are notified otherwise.

The final will be held on the following dates:
- Section 010: Monday, December 7, 2020, 1:15-3:15 p.m.
- Section 001: Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 3:35-4:25 p.m.

**Grading Standards:**

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**Learning Objectives:**

1. Identify students’ rights and responsibilities in their community and broader society.
2. Recognize the ways students can exercise their rights and responsibilities.
3. Understand, critically examine, and articulate key similarities and differences between students’ own cultural practices and perspectives and those of other cultures, past and present.
4. Analyze the role that different languages, cultures, institutions, and beliefs have in shaping individual and collective behavior.

**Attendance Requirement:** Attendance is mandatory. The instructor will take attendance at the beginning of class. If you are late to class, it is your responsibility to make sure I mark you as present after class.
Class attendance is vitally important. Because the tests are drawn primarily from the lectures, there is no substitute for attending class. Students that frequently miss class do not do well in this course.

Students will be allowed only ten absences for the semester. **For each absence in excess of ten (beginning with absence eleven, 5% will be deducted from your final grade.** The only absences that will be excused will be those associated with a school sponsored activity, or if you have asked and received an excused absence. For more detail on excused absences, see the section of the syllabus regarding the COVID-19 pandemic below.

**Classroom Participation:** All ideas and views are welcome. However, because polite debate is essential to both our society and this class, you must show respect to others, even if you disagree with their views. Speech which violates the university’s nondiscrimination policy may be restricted in the interest of classroom order. Similarly, the instructor reserves the right to take appropriate measures to curtail disruptive behavior.

If a student feels uncomfortable participating in a discussion, he or she should discuss the matter with the instructor before class.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Missouri State University is a community of scholars committed to developing educated persons who accept the responsibility to practice personal and academic integrity. You are responsible for knowing and following the university’s academic integrity policy plus additional more-specific policies for each class. The university policy, formally known as the “Student Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures” is available online at Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures (Students) and also at the Reserves Desk in Meyer Library. Any student participating in any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to sanctions as described in this policy.

If you are caught cheating on an exam, you will fail the course. If you plagiarize, you will receive a zero on the assignment, and the matter will be referred to the Academic Integrity Council. I do reserve the right, however, to fail a student for the course in particularly egregious cases of plagiarism.

**Nondiscrimination:** Missouri State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and maintains a grievance procedure available to any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against. At all times, it is your right to address inquiries or concerns about possible discrimination to the Office for Institutional Equity and Compliance, Park Central Office Building, 117 Park Central Square, Suite 111, 417-836-4252. Other types of concerns (i.e., concerns of an academic nature) should be discussed directly with your instructor and can also be brought to the attention of your instructor’s Department Head. Please visit the OIEC website.

**Religious accommodation:** The University may provide a reasonable accommodation based on a person’s sincerely held religious belief. In making this determination, the University reviews a variety of factors, including whether the accommodation would create an undue hardship. The accommodation request imposes responsibilities and obligations on both the individual requesting the accommodation and the University. Students who expect to miss classes,
examinations, or other assignments as a consequence of their sincerely held religious belief shall be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious observances on which they will be absent by submitting a Request for Religious Accommodation Form to the instructor by the end of the third week of a full semester course or the end of the second week of a half semester course.

**Disability Accommodations:** If you are a student with a disability and anticipate barriers related to this course, it is important to request accommodations and establish an accommodation plan with the University. Please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at the Disability Resource Center website, Meyer Library, Suite 111, 417-836-4192, to initiate the process to establish your accommodation plan. The DRC will work with you to establish your accommodation plan, or it may refer you to other appropriate resources based on the nature of your disability. In order to prepare an accommodation plan, the University usually requires that students provide documentation relating to their disability. Please be prepared to provide such documentation if requested. Once a University accommodation plan is established, you may notify the class instructor of approved accommodations. If you wish to utilize your accommodation plan, it is suggested that you do so in a timely manner, preferably within the first two weeks of class. Early notification to the instructor allows for full benefit of the accommodations identified in the plan. Instructors will not receive the accommodation plan until you provide that plan and are not required to apply accommodations retroactively.

**Cell phone policy:** As a member of the learning community, each student has a responsibility to other students who are members of the community. When cell phones or pagers ring and students respond in class or leave class to respond, it disrupts the class. Therefore, the Office of the Provost prohibits the use by students of cell phones, pagers, PDAs, or similar communication devices during scheduled classes. All such devices must be turned off or put in a silent (vibrate) mode and ordinarily should not be taken out during class. Given the fact that these same communication devices are an integral part of the university’s emergency notification system, an exception to this policy would occur when numerous devices activate simultaneously. When this occurs, students may consult their devices to determine if a university emergency exists. If that is not the case, the devices should be immediately returned to silent mode and put away. Other exceptions to this policy may be granted at the discretion of the instructor.

**Emergency Response:** At the first class meeting, students should become familiar with a basic emergency response plan through a dialogue with the instructor that includes a review and awareness of exits specific to the classroom and the location of evacuation centers for the building. All instructors are provided this information specific to their classroom and/or lab assignments in an e-mail prior to the beginning of the fall semester from the Office of the Provost and University Safety. Students with disabilities impacting mobility should discuss the approved accommodations for emergency situations and additional options when applicable with the instructor. For more information, visit University Safety.

**Dropping the Course:** It is your responsibility to understand the university’s procedure for dropping a class. If you stop attending this class but do not follow proper procedure for dropping the class, you will receive a failing grade and will also be financially obligated to pay for the
class. For information about dropping a class or withdrawing from the university, contact the Office of the Registrar at 836-5520.

**Audio/Video Recording of Lectures:** You may not make audio or video recordings of class lectures without the express permission of the instructor. Generally, permission will not be granted except to provide disability accommodations in accordance with University policy. In all such instances, all content remains the intellectual property of the instructor, and may not be reproduced, distributed to others, or posted on the internet.

**POLICIES RELATING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**General:** Do not come to class if you are feeling unwell. While missing class is usually not advisable, it is important to stay at home when sick to avoid the spread of communicable illness. If you are sick or not feeling well, please do not come to class but rather seek medical attention from your doctor or at Mager’s Health and Wellness Center. They can provide you a medical excuse and advise you when it is safe to return to class. Contact your instructor to let them know that you are sick and will not be in class. By working with your instructor, you will be able to keep up with readings and assignments through the Blackboard course site.

**Excused Absences:** Although it is important to attend class, and the university requires me to have an attendance policy, it is even more important for us to do everything possible to limit the spread of COVID-19. To this end, as I stated in the previous paragraph—**DO NOT COME TO CLASS IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL!** If you are feeling sick, so long as you send me an email before the end of the day, your absence will be excused. If you do not send a timely email, the absence will not be excused unless you can provide a doctor’s note. If you miss two consecutive classes, you must provide me with a doctor’s note or I will not excuse any absence beyond the first one.

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, do not come to class, regardless of whether you are experiencing symptoms. To return to class, you must provide me with a doctor’s note stating that you are no longer contagious. All absences related to COVID-19 will be excused. Furthermore, I will work with you to keep from falling behind in class.

**Masking Policy:** Masks are required to be worn in public spaces within academic buildings and other campus instructional areas, including hallways, elevators, stairwells, classrooms, restrooms, study areas, and other common areas, unless the Provost grants an exception for a particular academic activity for which masking is impracticable or contraindicated and alternative mitigation strategies are implemented.

Students who have not been granted an accommodation and who refuse to wear a mask while in the classroom or other academic settings are subject to administrative withdrawal, consistent with Op3.04-11 Class Disruption. Additionally, students who fail to comply with this policy in areas outside the classroom or other academic settings are subject to disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
Be aware that I intend to strictly enforce this policy. If you do not wear a mask, or remove it during class, you will be required to leave the class. Your mask must cover your nose. Repeated violations will result in your permanent removal from the course.

In the event that an individual cannot wear a mask due to an underlying disability, they may initiate the University’s interactive accommodations process in order to request a “reasonable accommodation. Students who wish to request an accommodation may contact the Disability Resource Center, located in Meyer Library, Suite 111, and available at DRC@MissouriState.edu; (417) 836-4192; or TTY (417) 836-2792. Employees who wish to request an accommodation may contact the Deputy Compliance Officer, located in Carrington Hall, Suite 205, and available at JuliaHolmes@MissouriState.edu; (417) 836-6755; or Relay Missouri at 711 or (800) 676-3777.

**Campus Shut Down:** Should the campus is shut down due to order of the university and/or government entity, the class will transition to an online course, which will be managed by Blackboard. I will post links audio recordings of my lectures (with PowerPoints) on Blackboard. In addition to the normally scheduled coursework, you will be responsible for taking a short weekly quiz.

If the class move online, you **must** check both Blackboard and your school email every day. All assignments, including quizzes and exams, will be submitted through Blackboard. Writing assignments can also be submitted via Blackboard, but I would prefer that you email me a Word document instead.

**If I Get Sick:** Should this occur, my plan is to move the course online in the same manner as if campus were shut down. The only difference is that I will post the audio lectures I recorded last semester (which will be similar in content but may contain outdated references to current events). If I become too ill to perform my job duties, it is highly likely that the university will appoint someone to replace me until I am well enough to return.