Course Syllabus

HST-122-014 T/Th 3:30-4:45 Strong 304
HST-122-015 M/W/F 3:35-4:25 Strong 303

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- **Assigned seating is required, please sit in the same seat that you set in the first day class.**

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**Office Hours:** T/Th 2-3:15 p.m.
**Virtual Office Hours:** Skype and Zoom by appointment
**Office Location:** 479

**Communication Expectations:**
Please use MSU email first to contact me, if not possible then Skype me a message, if not possible then call the history department. As I teach multiple courses each semester, it will help me assist you faster if you include the course name and section number in the subject line of your email. It is also helpful if you include your Bear Pass student ID number. Not including this information could delay my response to you.

Emails sent during the week (Monday – Friday), will be responded to within 24 hours. Emails received over the weekend or during breaks/holidays will be receive a response within 48 hours. I can be reached by phone Monday - Friday during designated office hours (except on when the university is closed). If you leave a message, I will return your call within 24 hours during the week. If you leave a message after 5:00 p.m. on Friday or on the weekend it will be the following Monday before I will be able to return your call.
STUDENT SUCCESS:
At Missouri State University we are committed to student success. A key element to your success as a student is to engage in all course activities and to communicate with your instructor. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers during the course, contact your instructor right away so you can discuss options.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Modernization of the United States and its role in world affairs from the late 19th Century to the present, with emphasis on industrialization and urbanization and their impact on socioeconomic and international development.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this course, students will:

• Understand the changing world and how the United States responded to this change.
• Understand the power dynamics of the world and its affect on the United States.
• Understand the social changes that were occurring during the rise of an industrial United States.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:


TECHNOLOGY:
The use of technology is a part of our everyday lives at the university and there is important information you should know about your own computer’s capabilities, Internet access, Blackboard, and other technology tools whether you are participating in a classroom on campus or taking an online class.

Computer Requirements:
For information on the basic computer requirements to be successful in class visit the Knowledge Base for Computer Requirements on the Missouri State University website.

COURSE ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS:

Quizzes: There is one non-graded assessment over American history

Exams: There are three comprehensive exams this semester, including a final exam

Written Assignments: A book review over Andrew Carnegie by Livesay, more details to follow.
COURSE SPECIFIC POLICIES:
If there is a specific reason why your assignments are late, you need to discuss the matter with the instructor, if you cannot make a test, you need to discuss the matter with the instructor. If you have a cell phone, have it on off or vibrate, then take the call outside the class, I realize that most students have many things going on, please take care of any emergencies that come up with family or work, that is important. We just want to respect our fellow students. If you feel sick, fever, coughing just don’t come to class, email me and I will work with you to get you caught up.

Participation/Attendance:
Participation is vital to success in this class, the tests consists of our reading material, notes, lectures, the more you are engaged in class the more you learn and feel comfortable writing. If you do not get the notes you have to ask a fellow student, no notes will be give out or posted that is your responsibility as a student. However, if we go online because of COVID-19 then standby for emails and announcements.

MISSING CLASS IF YOU ARE SICK:
While missing class is usually not advisable, it is important to stay 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.

COURSE PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED:
The COVID-19 Stay-at-Home orders we experienced during Spring 2020 reinforced the need to plan for the unexpected. In our area we can experience inclement weather and influenza outbreaks that could prevent us from meeting on campus. Below is how we will communicate and continue our work in this course should the unexpected occur.

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<th>Considerations:</th>
<th>Plan for Continuing Class:</th>
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<td>How will our class meet?</td>
<td>I will give you an email, that email will be to check out BlackBoard Announcements, there I will give you instructions about the week’s lesson. Do not panic! We will work it out and work one week at a time. We have done it before and its not a problem.</td>
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<td>How will I meet with my Instructor?</td>
<td>I will post assignments online via the Announcement section, I will also post a video of a lecture and notes, but if you want to meet one on one, we can arrange a time on Zoom or</td>
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on Skype. At times I will announce a general Zoom meeting for the entire class.

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<th>How will instruction be delivered?</th>
<th>The best way to administer instruction is through BlackBoard, all will be provided for you on the Announcement page, to include videos and notes.</th>
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<td>How often do I need to go to the online course?</td>
<td>Always check daily, online, for any new Announcements. All you need will be there on the Announcement section. You will be turning in assignments via student email.</td>
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<td>Is it possible to receive course announcements as a text?</td>
<td>I will send announcements via BlackBoard, or through your student email.</td>
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<td>How will I turn in homework?</td>
<td>Via student email.</td>
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<td>What about exams?</td>
<td>Exams will be posted on the Announcements, with a designated time to start and finish. If you require further assistance let the instructor know.</td>
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<td>How will I know what grade I received on an assignment or test?</td>
<td>When all the tests or assignments are turned in, I will make an announcement and keep you updated.</td>
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**Late Homework Policy:**
If you think you are going to be late on work assigned, for any reason, just let your instructor know and we will work through it together, I appreciate the hard work you put in.

**Course Grading:**

**Grading Scale:** Final grades will be determined using the total points you earned during the semester:

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<td>History Pre-test/first week of class</td>
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<td>Comprehensive tests- 3 Total, each worth 150 points</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>All tests to be announced</td>
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<tr>
<td>Book review</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>Due date to be announced</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>800</td>
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Final grades will be determined using the total points you earned during the semester/800 total:
Below is an example of possible points, percentages, and grades.

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Because we have no idea how the semester is going to go, we will establish a basic breakdown on the semester.
We will be learning multiple histories at the same time, so be prepared to think this way, we may not have time to do it chronologically. We will match historic patterns together.
You must have all three books to accomplish this. The reading assignments will be posted on the Blackboard Announcement section and in class. We are going to do this week per week.

| Week 1: Read Chapter 22 in Kennedy about Reconstruction and read chapter 23 about the Gilded Age. | Lecture and Conversation over why Reconstruction failed and the wealth gap in America. | Be prepared to think! We will be taking a non-graded pre-History quiz. |

Your first week is posted, start reading! More to come as I announce it per week.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

Accessibility/Academic Accommodation:
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.

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Dropping a Class
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. You can access the Academic Calendar on the MSU website to view drop and refund deadlines for the semester.

Academic Integrity Policy:
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.

Examples of academic integrity violations include; allowing someone else to copy or use your assignments or exams, turning in papers used in other courses or from the internet, and/or using notes or your book for a closed-book exam. Plagiarism means presenting someone else’s work as your own (e.g., copying or paraphrasing someone else’s work without appropriate citations). Any
A student participating in any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to sanctions as described in this policy.

Nondiscrimination Policy:
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 be brought to the attention of your instructor’s Department Head. Please visit the OEC (Office for institutional Equity and Compliance for additional information.

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 Safety and Transportation. 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 Safety and Transportation.

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.

Mental Health & Stress Management:
As a student you may experience a range of personal issues that can impede learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance and may reduce your ability to participate in daily activities. Learn Visit the Missouri State University Counseling Center website to learn more about free and confidential services available to assist you.
Title IX:
Missouri State University has a Title IX policy that guides our response to instances of sexual violence. Sexual Violence includes: Rape, Sexual Assault, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Discrimination, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, Sexual Harassment and Pregnancy issues. The Title IX policy can be located on the MSU Title IX website. This website is also a good resource for any questions or issues involving Title IX and contains contact information for the MSU Title IX Office and staff. Read an overview of the Title IX office.

If an MSU student discloses a Title IX related issue to a MSU faculty or staff member who is deemed to be a “Responsible Employee” under the policy, that faculty or staff member is required to report such disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator. A responsible employee includes any employee who has the authority to take action to redress sexual violence; who has been given the duty of reporting incidents of sexual violence or any other misconduct by students to the Title IX Coordinator or other appropriate school designee; or whom a student could reasonably believe has the authority or duty to take action. Taylor Health employees and MSU Counseling Center Clinicians are not considered to be Responsible Employees under the policy, and therefore, are not required to report Title IX issues to the Title IX Coordinator.

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.

Audio/Video Recording of Course Activity:
Students who wish to record lectures or class activities for study purposes should inform the faculty member first. Distribution or sale of recordings or other course materials is prohibited without the written permission of the instructor and other students who are recorded. Distribution without permission is a violation of copyright law and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Sections 4.6, 4.8, 4.9).

Chosen Name Policy:
A student may choose a name other than their legal name to identify themselves at Missouri State University. A chosen name is different than the student’s legal name. Refer to the Chosen Name
policy for more information. Students can provide their chosen first and middle names in the Profile tab of My Missouri State.

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