Syllabus & Course Instructions

Due to the increasingly technological nature of our society, I find it necessary to address the issues of cell phones in class. Please turn off all of these electronic devices before coming to class, as they are disruptive to the learning environment and distracting to other students. Thank You.

I also need to address tardiness to class in a more formalized manner. Lateness is also disruptive and distracting to a positive learning experience. Constant carping on this issue both demeans the class and takes away from learning time. Therefore, I urge you, as responsible adults, to arrive to class on time ready to learn. To encourage on-time behavior, one point will be deducted from each quiz that you are tardy. This policy will start with Quiz 2. Again, your cooperation is appreciated. Thank You.

Class attendance is an important component of your learning experience. Since students are adults, a mandatory attendance policy will not be in effect for this course. However, the system of unannounced quizzes is instituted to encourage student attendance. Make-ups for quizzes will not be available, except for excused medical absences (signed by authorized medical personnel) or attendance at official university functions. Also, since 10% of your total grade consists of TA Discussion Section participation, it is certainly in your best interest to go to class.

Students requesting classroom accommodations for disability issues must first register with the Office of the Dean of Students. This office will provide documentation to the student who then must provide this documentation to me. I am more than willing to do whatever is necessary to ensure an optimum learning environment for all students.

Be aware of the University’s policy on plagiarism. The Internet has made this situation more problematic but understand that plagiarists will be caught. Any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please do not hesitate to ask. All plagiarism offenses will be reported on a Faculty Adjudication Form and forwarded to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. You may get more information on UF’s Judicial Affairs process at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php

TA Discussion Sections

- 7505 - Friday - 8th - Keene-Flint 117
- 7507 - Friday - 7th - Matherly 103
- 8028 - Friday - 7th - Matherly 014
- 8047 - Friday - 4th - Rinker 106
- 8062 - Friday - 6th - TUR 2328
- 8066 - Friday - 8th - Keene-Flint 121
The four books for this course will be available for purchase at Goering’s Book Store, located at 1717 NW 1st Avenue, across from campus (Phone # 377-3703). They will also be available on-line. If you experience any problems in buying the books, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you. The course books are:

4. The Kingdom of Matthias. By Paul Johnson & Sean Wilentz.

Be sure to purchase the correct volumes of the books.

Weekly Syllabus & Readings-
It is important that you keep up on the readings, as they will provide the base knowledge for class lectures and discussions.

Week One- August 25-29
Text- Chapter 1- “First Founders.”
For TA sections on Friday, August 29
ATF- Prologue- “The Strange Death of Silas Dean”

Week Two- September 1-5
Text- Chapter 2- “European Footholds in North America.”
For TA sections on Friday, September 5
ATF- Chapter 1- “Serving Time in Virginia.”

Week Three- September 8-12
Text- Chapter 3- “Controlling the Edges of the Continent.”
For TA sections on Friday, September 12
ATF- Chapter 2- “The Visible & Invisible Worlds of Salem.”

Week Four- September 15-19
Text- Chapter 4- “African Enslavement.”
For TA sections on Friday, September 17
Read- New York Burning.

Week Five- September 22-26
Text- Chapter 5- “An American Babel.”

Week Six- September 29-October 3
Text- Chapter 6- “The Limits of Imperial Control.”

Week Seven- October 6-10
Text- Chapter 7- “Revolutionaries at War.”
For TA sections on Friday, October 10
ATF- Chapter 3- “Declaring Independence.”

Week Eight- October 13-17- No readings- STUDY for the exam!!
Midterm Exam- Thursday, October 16th- class period

Week Nine- October 20-24
No TA sections on Friday, October 24th- Homecoming
Text- Chapter 8- “New Beginnings.”

Week Ten- October 27-31
Text- Chapter 9- “Revolutionary Legacies.”

Week Eleven- November 3-7
Text- Chapter 10- “Defending & Expanding the New Nation.”
For TA sections on Friday, November 7
ATF- Chapter 4- “Material Witness.”
Read- The Kingdom of Matthias.

Week Twelve- November 10-14
No class Tuesday, November 11- Veteran’s Day
Text- Chapter 11- “Society & Politics in the ‘Age of the Common Man’.”
Paper Due- Friday, November 14th in TA sections.

Week Thirteen- November 17-21
Text- Chapter 12- “Peoples in Motion.”
For TA sections on Friday, November 21
ATF- Chapters 5 & 6- “Jackson’s Frontier- & Turner’s” and “The Invisible Pioneers.”

Week Fourteen- November 24-28
No class- Thursday, November 28th- Thanksgiving
No TA sections- Friday, November 29th- Thanksgiving
Text- Chapter 13- “The Crisis over Slavery.”

Week Fifteen- December 1-5
Text- Chapter 14- “‘To Fight to Gain a Country’."
For TA sections on Friday, December 5
ATF- Chapters 7 & 8 “The Madness of John Brown” and
“The View from the Bottom Rail.”

Week Sixteen- December 8-10
Text- Chapter 15- “Consolidating a Triumphant Union.”
Last Day of Class- Wednesday- December 10.
No TA sections this week!!

Final Exam- Thursday, December 18th- 7:30 to 9:30 in our classroom