This American History course covers the history of the United States from Reconstruction to the present time. **It is important that you keep up on the assigned readings, as they supplement, not duplicate, classroom lectures.**

Your grade for this course will be determined in the following manner:

- Final exam - 30%
- Midterm exam - 25%
- Paper - 20%
- Quizzes - 15%
- After the Fact Assignments - 10%

Grades will be assigned according to the following scale. There will be extra credit available that assignment will be given after the midterm.

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The midterm exam will be given on Friday, May 30th, during the class period, at the mid-point of the semester. The final is scheduled for Friday, June 30th during our regular class period in our classroom. These exams will be composed of both essay questions and short-answer identifications. There will also be six quizzes given (the dates are listed in the syllabus). They will be short in duration (5-10 minutes) and consist of short answers, identifications, matching, and multiple-choice questions. Only five quizzes will be counted into the final grade averaging, as I will drop the lowest grade. These quizzes are given to ensure that you are keeping up on the reading and have a working knowledge of the subject matter. Your paper will be a short (4-6 pages) paper on the assigned readings. It will be due Friday, June 13th. You will receive a handout on the paper during the early part of the semester. I encourage questions and class discussion. Please do not hesitate to ask both factual and interpretative questions. If you have specific questions on the subject matter or grading, please come see me during office hours. Though no specific percentage of your grade will be determined by class participation, I will consider it if you are on the borderline between two grades. There will be the possibility of extra credit- an assignment will be given after the midterm.

This syllabus is also available on-line at my UF website-

[http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/nolls/Courses/courses.html](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/nolls/Courses/courses.html)
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There is an emphasis on reading and writing in this class. Therefore, be prepared to engage the books critically and spend time crafting well-thought out papers and responses.

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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. Thanks.

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 the first quiz. Again, your cooperation is appreciated. Thank You.

Class attendance is an important component of your learning experience, especially in a class that meets every day for only 6 weeks. Since students are adults, a mandatory attendance policy will not be in effect for this course. Make-ups for quizzes will not be available, except for excused medical absences (signed by authorized medical personnel) or attendance at official university functions.

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. It can be found at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php. 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.
There will be a quiz on the Friday of each week (for Week 3 and Week 6, that quiz will be on Thursday, as there is a midterm on the Friday of Week 3 and a Final on the Friday of Week 6. Each quiz will consist of 6 multiple choice questions on the lecture and readings from the week. I will drop the lowest quiz grade (if you miss a quiz, that will be your drop. Five quizzes will be counted toward your quiz grades- each has 6 questions, so that is a possible total of 30. Your final quiz grade will be your total quiz points divided by 2 (hence, the 15% of your total grade).

There will be 10 short 1 page single space assignments on each of the articles from After the Fact. These are easy assignments, designed to make sure that you are doing the reading. They will be given either 1 point, a half-point, or a zero if the assignment is not turned in. The total points for this assignment are 10- this is an easy way to pick up 10 points for the class. These will be due on Fridays- Check the syllabus for when each particular chapter assignment will be due.

There is a 4-6 page paper on the monograph readying for this class- Slavery by Another Name. It will be due on the Friday of the 5th week of classes (Friday, June 13th). You will be getting a sheet on this assignment within the first week of class. If you have questions or problems with this assignment, please come & see me early.

The three books for this course will be available for purchase at bookstores around campus. They will also be available for purchase 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:


Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Douglas Blackmon. Anchor Books, 2008. Listed in syllabus as SBAN

Weekly Syllabus & Readings-

Week One- Reconstruction & the West
Stories Chapters Sixteen & Seventeen
ATF Chapter Eight- Assignment on it due- Friday, May 16th.
Quiz One- - Friday, May 16th.

Week Two- Urbanization, Immigration, & Populism
Stories – Chapters Eighteen through Twenty
ATF - Chapters Nine & Ten- Assignments on them due- Friday, May 23rd.
Quiz Two- - Friday, May 23rd.

Week Three- Progressivism and Empire
No Class- Monday- May 26th, Memorial Day
Stories – Chapters Twenty-One through Twenty-Three
ATF – Chapters Eleven & Twelve- Assignments on them due- Friday, May 30th.
SBAN- Part I
Quiz Three-- Thursday, May 29th.
Midterm- 25 points- Friday, May 30th.

Week Four- War, Depression, and the New Deal
Stories – Chapters Twenty-Four through Twenty-Six
ATF - Chapters Thirteen & Fourteen - Assignments on them due- Friday, June 6th.
SBAN- Part II
Quiz Four- - Friday, June 6th.

Week Five- World War II and Cold War America
Stories – Chapters Twenty-Seven through Twenty-Nine
ATF- Chapters Fifteen & Sixteen- Assignments on them due- June 13th.
SBAN- Part III
Quiz Five- - Friday, June 13th.
SBAN Paper Assignment Due Friday, June 13th

Week Six- The Sixties, the rise of Conservatism, and into the 21st Century
Stories- Chapters Thirty through Thirty-Two
ATF- Chapter Seventeen- Assignment on it due- Friday, June 20th.
Quiz Six- - Thursday, June 19th
Final- 30 points- Friday, June 20th