



**History 1302. 211H1  
United States History II  
Spring 2025**

**Tuesdays 6:00 PM to 8:50 PM LRC Bldg #8 Room 255**

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**Required Textbook/Materials:** <https://www.americanyawp.com/>

**Course Description:** This course is a study of United States history since 1877, from the Civil War to the present. This course will emphasize political, social, and economic developments, as well as other significant topics. This course (a) meets the requirements of a college transfer course for four-year degree programs (b) prepares students for upper-division coursework in history (c) prepares students for the academic rigors of upper-division coursework in the social sciences (d) prepares students in developing their critical thinking skills.

**Course requirements:** This is a course that requires the student to attend lectures. Each lecture contains material that is not available in the textbook, material that the student is responsible for and will be tested upon, therefore it is essential that students make a concerted effort to attend class. If a student is absent from class, they are responsible for acquiring the lecture notes from a classmate. Rigorous note taking and studying of lecture notes is mandatory if the student is to succeed in the class. In addition to attending lectures, students are expected to read the textbook assignments.

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:**

**Exams:**

**The student will take three exams throughout the semester. Each exam will cover the lectures, class discussions, and textbook. The class will be broken into three major segments or themes and each theme will address a specific main point that discusses and highlights the events, people, movements, etc in history. Each exam completes a segment of history and no exam is cumulative. These themes or ideas will be emphasized and elaborated on strengthening what role they play in American History as the country evolves politically, socially, economically, and militarily. The first 2 exams will contain 40 multiple choice questions worth 2.5 points each and the final exam will be 50 multiple**

**choice questions worth 2 points each. Each exam is separate from the other 2 and no exam is cumulative. Total points for each exam is 100 points.**

Historical Thought Paper: There are 3 topics in 1302 the student can choose to do containing 2-3 pages. The topics are: 1) significance/importance of the Foreign Policies that involved the US in the late 1800s; 2) significance/importance of World War 1; 3) significance/importance of Cold War. This is not a research paper, but more of a thought/analytical/perspective paper over 1 of the 3 topics. More information will be made in class for the students.

**The Thought Paper is due on Brightspace at 11:59 pm on Friday Feb 28, 2025. No Late Work Accepted.**

### **History Book Analytical Assignment:**

I am going to assign a book to read that is both appropriate for the time period of this 1302 class and length of pages and scope so you won't be over-whelmed and risk the chance of getting behind or lost. The book I will have you read – either as a digital copy online (there are various places to read it on line for free or to buy, or a copy of the physical version) is the *Diary of Anne Frank*.

Once you have read the book, you will write up a 2-3 page Analytical Paper fully analyzing it from your own cognitive and analytical input, thinking and understanding. The format is simple and will abide to the principle of encouraging the student to fully engross and immerse into the book or author's main central ideals and overall purpose. The format to use and follow is as follows: 12 Point Font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced and is worth a 100 points.

The student will read the book and work on understanding the topic and purpose analytically and most importantly attempt or infer on the historical moments and place to the context of the time, period, place, people, events, etc. In roughly 2-3 pages, the student will pull from the book what they have chosen to find a theme or an overall arching arc of the chapters and content that pushes them to think critically and analytically about the book.

This can be done in several paragraphs that capitalizes and comments on the entire scope of the book.

A purposeful guide in these paragraphs could be included in their papers that touch on the authors beginning chapters, middle chapters, and final chapters that complete and compliment the message of the author. The student could also approach the book from the perspective on picking out 1 or 2 very common and useful points that creates a theme that is used throughout with the intent of explaining and highlighting while strengthening it as it relates to the time period, event, movement, etc. There is no right or wrong way to analyze and write a 2-3 paper for this assignment as long as the student immerses

themselves into the book and focuses on the content, its proper historical context and to critically think beyond the normal and typical level rather than typing up a summation or quick overview of the book with no thought, understanding and grasp.

The assignment if it falls into the 2-3 page range will include at least and up to 5-7 paragraphs with the hope and aspiration for the student to push themselves and challenge their critical and analytical skills that far exceed what they have done before or that is different from a book report, review or a research paper. If a student has questions, confused or needs some help in understanding the assignment better, needs clarification I encourage them to ask, reach out and stay on top of the assignment and requirements. Most importantly is for them to be creative, critical and analytical in their approach, book, and paper when its completed and ready to turn in. If you have any questions please don't hesitate and email me.

**The History Book Analytical Assignment is due on Friday Feb 28, 2025 on Brightspace at 11:59 PM. No late work accepted.**

### **Responsibility Paper Assignment**

Students will pick a person or movement that fits into the time period of HIST 1302— U.S. History from 1877. Students look for a person or movement that fits into the major area that you are studying.

**Arts & Humanities**

**Business and Industry**

**Health, Human and Consumer Science and Public Safety**

**STEM**

There are many interesting people/movements that fit into these major areas. Find a person or movement that interests you

Students will write a two-page typed paper on the Social and Personal Responsibility of the person/or persons involved in the movement.

The student must include a paragraph in their paper specifically discussing the social and personal responsibility of the individuals involved. Students will use primary and secondary sources for their paper.

Example: Harry Truman's decision to drop the Atomic bomb, what are the consequences of this action? What personal responsibility and social responsibility does he have and how does it influence those around him.

Paper format: 12 pnt Times New Roman font, double spaced

**Covers: Critical Thinking, Social Responsibility, Personal Responsibility, Communication**

Personal Responsibility is the idea that human beings **choose, instigate, or otherwise cause their own actions**. A corollary idea is that because we cause our actions, we can be held morally accountable or legally liable.

Social responsibility is an ethical framework and suggests that an individual has an obligation to work and cooperate with other individuals and organizations for the benefit of society at large

Must use 3 sources, no textbooks. At least 1 primary source

**Responsibility Paper Assignment is due on Brightspace on Friday February 28, 2025. No late work accepted.**

**Weekly Reading/Class Quizzes: I will administer in class a 10 question quiz over the readings/lectures the students must read and be aware of prior to each class for 7 weeks to see and assess their understanding and comprehension of the material to better prepare them for each class and lecture that will benefit them on each exam they take. Each quiz will be worth 10 points for a total of 70 points.**

**Detailed Grading Formula:  
Grading Policy:**

<b>Your grade will be determined by the following</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Points (if applicable)</b>	<b>Percent of Final Average</b>
Exams	3 Exams each worth 100 pts. each	300	
History Book Analytical Paper	1 History Book Analytical Paper worth 100 points	100	
Personal Responsibility Paper	1 Personal Responsibility Paper worth 100 points	100	
Historical Thought Paper	1 2-3 page paper over 1 of 3 topics.	100	
Weekly Reading/lecture quizzes	10 question quiz over class lectures/readings prior to each class	70	
Total Points		670	

**Grading Scale:**

The chart given below explains how the final grades will be computed.

To receive an A	670-600 points
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To receive an B	599-533 points
To receive an C	532-466 points
To receive an D	465-399 points
To receive an F	Less than 398 points

**Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy:**

Extra-Credit Policy: No extra work given.

**Make-Up Work: Make-up Exams:** All make-up exams will be taken at the Testing Center within 1 week when the test was originally given. You will need to make an appointment at the Testing Center and will take it there and be given the 90 minutes to complete it and inform the instructor that a date/time has been set up at the testing center so that I can drop it off for those students to make it up there on their scheduled time and date.

**Attendance Policy:** The nature of this course is such that one should attend all scheduled sessions. There is a clear and direct correlation between attendance and success in the classroom, therefore regular attendance is strongly urged. However, in the event of illness or extenuating circumstances, it is the student’s responsibility to acquire the lecture from a classmate. In addition, keep in mind certain assignments have a 1 week grace period to make up and some have no grace period. On the other hand, the Analytical Paper, or the Presentation can't be made up. Any assignments not made up in the allotted time frame will be recorded as a 0 and the others that can't be made up will be a 0 as well.

**Communicating with your instructor:** ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. (Faculty may add additional statement requiring monitoring and communication expectations via D2L or other LMS)

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Paper
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Paper
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Exams

4. Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a History 1302-related topic through written communication.	Communication Skills (CS1)	Paper
5. Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a History 1302-related topic through oral communication.	Communication Skills (CS2)	Oral Presentation Assignment
6. Students will demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.	Social Responsibility (SR)	Paper
7. Evaluate choices and actions of others or one's own, and relate consequences to decision-making.	Personal Responsibility (PR)	Paper

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

**Student Concerns:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Department Chair, Shinya Wakao at 409-933-8107 or [swakao@com.edu](mailto:swakao@com.edu).

## Course Calendar

<p><b>Jan 14</b></p>	<p>Reading/Lecture Quiz</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTION TO CLASS</b></p> <p>WILD WEST #1</p> <p>WILD WEST #2</p> <p>GILDED AGE</p> <p>PRESIDENTS</p> <p>DEATH OF GARFIELD</p> <p>PRESIDENTS 1881-1892</p> <p>HAWAII</p> <p>SPANISH AMERICAN WAR</p> <p>DEATH OF MCKINLEY</p> <p>PANAMA REVOLUTION</p> <p>TEDDY ROOSEVELT FOREIGN POLICY</p> <p>PANAMA CANAL BUILT</p>
<p><b>Jan 21</b></p>	<p>Homework using PPT Notes, Textbook, Audio Lectures and Videos:</p> <p>Reading/Lecture Quiz</p> <p>OPEN DOOR POLICY WITH CHINA</p> <p>BOXER REBELLION</p> <p>FED RESERVE BANK</p> <p>RISE OF THE CITY</p> <p>THE CITY</p> <p>THE PROGRESSIVE</p> <p>LABOR UNIONS FORMED</p>
<p><b>Jan 28</b></p>	<p>Homework using PPT Notes, Textbook, Audio Lectures and Videos:</p> <p>Reading/Lecture Quiz</p> <p><b>EXAM # 1</b></p> <p>GERMANY UNITED</p> <p>PRE-WORLD WAR 1</p> <p>WORLD WAR 1 BREAKS OUT</p> <p>WORLD WAR 1: THE WAR</p> <p>WORLD WAR 1: THREAT TO U.S</p> <p>WORLD WAR 1 PART 1 -- U.S. DECLARES WAR</p> <p>WORLD WAR 1 PART 2 – AMERICA ENTERS THE WAR</p> <p>WORLD OF WAR 1: END OF WAR</p> <p>TREATY OF VERSAILLES</p> <p>THE 1920S</p> <p>GERMANY 1920S</p>

<p><b>Feb 4</b></p>	<p>Homework using PPT Notes, Textbook, Audio Lectures and Videos:</p> <p><b>Reading/Lecture Quiz</b>  THE 1920s  STOCK MARKET CRASH  GREAT DEPRESSION  DUST BOWL  RISE OF FASCISM/NAZISM  WORLD WAR 2: HITLER ON THE MOVE  WORLD WAR 2: EUROPE THEATRE PART 1 – EARLY WAR YEARS  WORLD WAR 2: WAR BREAKS OUT  WORLD WAR 2: EUROPEAN THEATRE  FINAL DAYS OF WW2: STALINGRAD  FINAL DAYS OF WW2: D-DAY  WORLD WAR 2: PART 2 -- ITALY FALLS  WORLD WAR 2: EUROPE THEATRE PART 3 – GERMANY FALLS  WORLD WAR 2: PACIFIC THEATRE PART 4 -- JAPAN FALLS  WORLD WAR 2 VIDEOS  THE HOLOCAUST</p>
<p><b>Feb 11</b></p>	<p>Homework using PPT Notes, Textbook, Audio Lectures and Videos:</p> <p><b>Reading/Lecture Quiz</b></p> <p><b>EXAM # 2</b>  COLD WAR  COLD WAR: FOREIGN FRONT  COLD WAR: EUROPE  COLD WAR: CHINA  COLD WAR: KOREAN WAR  COLD WAR: SPACE RACE  ELECTION OF 1952 AND 1956  COLD WAR: DOMESTIC FRONT  COLD WAR: RED SCARE  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: LINDA BROWN  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: ROSA PARKS  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: LITTLE ROCK HIGH  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1960s: WOOLWORTH LUNCH COUNTER SIT INS  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: MLK</p>



<p><b>Feb 18</b></p>	<p>Homework using PPT Notes, Textbook, Audio Lectures and Videos:</p> <p>Reading/Lecture Quiz</p> <p>EISENHOWER FAREWELL ADDRESS</p> <p>BERLIN WALL ELECTION OF 1960 JFK PRESIDENCY: CUBA, RUSSIA, VIETNAM BAY OF PIGS CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS</p> <p>J.F.K. KILLED</p> <p>OSWALD KILLED FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF JFK GULF OF TONKIN ELECTION OF 1964</p>
<p><b>Feb 25</b></p>	<p>Homework using PPT Notes, Textbook, Audio Lectures and Videos:</p> <p>Reading/Lecture Quiz</p> <p>VIETNAM WAR: THE COUNTER CULTURE THE COUNTER CULTURE VIDEOS MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED: VIDEO BOBBY KENNEDY KILLED: VIDEO CLIPS ELECTION OF 1968 NIXON AS PRESIDENT: PENTAGON PAPERS WATERGATE FORD'S PRESIDENCY CARTER'S PRESIDENCY: HIGH GAS PRICE; IRAN HOSTAGE SITUATION ELECTION OF 1980 REAGAN AS PRESIDENT END OF THE COLD WAR: FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL</p>
<p><b>March 4</b></p>	<p><b>Final Exam</b></p>

## Institutional Policies and Guidelines

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student\\_Handbook\\_2024-2025\\_v6.pdf](https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2024-2025_v6.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or [klachney@com.edu](mailto:klachney@com.edu). The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** **Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week session is February 26. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 21. The last date to withdraw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week session is April 30.**

**FN Grading:** The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you

will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**Resources to Help with Stress:**

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at [deanofstudents@com.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@com.edu) or [communityresources@com.edu](mailto:communityresources@com.edu).