



Walters State Community College Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number and Name: HIST 2020 Modern United States History

Section ID: 80950.202380

Semester and Year: Fall 2023

Credit Hours: 3

Start Date: August 21, 2023

End Date: December 08, 2023

Course Format: HYB - Hybrid (Web-Assisted Classes)

Catalog Course Description: American History II - The United States since 1877. A survey of the growth of the United States as an industrial and world power since Reconstruction: the industrial revolution, immigration, urbanization, rise of labor, Spanish-American War, Progressivism, World War I, Twenties, Depression and New Deal, World War II, Post-World War II era and the exercise of great power status in international affairs since World War II. **F, S, Su**

General Education Course Designation: General Education Course

Meeting Details: TR; 07:45AM - 09:10AM; GRNV 243

Course Drop Deadline: October 27, 2023

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Required Textbook(s) and Materials

The Unfinished Nation Volume II or Combined Edition**Subtitle:** A Concise History of the American People**ISBN:** 9781260164855**Authors:** Alan Brinkley**Publisher:** McGraw Hill**Publication Date:** 2019**Edition:** 8th, 9th, or 10th Edition**Additional Information**

Students may acquire older editions of the text from 8th edition upwards if preferred. Chapter numbers may vary but much of the material will be the same.

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

- Provide examples of the role globalization and integration of different cultures and groups have had in the formation of American policy in the 20th and 21st centuries.
- Assess the major social, political, and cultural issues that arose within the United States from 1877 through present day.
- Differentiate between primary and secondary sources and integrate these sources into the study of history.
- Identify significant historical events in American History from the Reconstruction period through the present day.

Instructional Approach and Methods

This course is primarily lecture-based with relevant discussion boards as well as occasional short documentaries and other web-based content.

My approach to learning is to be open, honest, and respectful and to expect the same of others. As a storyteller who writes and publishes books and who has at times dabbled in film-making, I also love to tell a good story which means that while I will have PowerPoints available, my goal is to provide additional commentary that will "humanize" the vast array of historical characters and explore connections to the major--and a few not-so-major--events we will be discussing this semester.

1. Students will be expected to regularly access online class materials, ask questions about the assigned materials, and complete assignments by the posted due dates.

2. Students will be expected to read the required text material including the textbook.
3. Students will be expected to perform satisfactorily on the scheduled examinations and on the final exam.
4. Students will be expected to comply with classroom, attendance, and testing policies.
5. Students will be evaluated on their performance on the regularly scheduled exams, the final exam, their written work, and their classroom activities and/or participation.

Assessment, Evaluation and Testing Procedures

1. Exams

There are three non-cumulative exams for this course (including the final). Format will be Multiple Choice and Short Answer. Content may be drawn from Powerpoints on eLearn, lecture notes, selected portions of the text, and instructor handouts provided on eLearn. Study guides will be provided for each exam.

If you miss an exam due to serious illness or an emergency situation, you must notify the instructor immediately. Makeup exams must be taken within one week of the original exam date.

2. Assignments

Students must complete 5 online assignments throughout the semester. Assignments will be made available on eLearn at least one week before they are due. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Assignments should be uploaded to eLearn with your last name and the assignment number as the file name. (ex: Smith-1, or Smith_Assign1, etc.) Assignments usually consist of a 2-3 paragraph response to a reading/viewing assignment or lecture notes.

3. Class Discussion and Participation

As part of their participation in the course, students are expected to attend lecture, complete assignments on time, and be involved in class discussions.

For all class discussions, students will be expected to share their views respectfully and honestly. (In other words, it is perfectly fine to disagree strongly with another student or with the instructor—be honest with yourself and others about your beliefs. However, freedom of thought is best preserved when we effectively govern our expression of our thoughts—strategic expression generally yields better results than emotional outbursts.)

4. Chapter, Lecture Notes, and Other Reading Assignments

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the text and with all course related materials such as lectures, course notes, and reading/video assignments. All materials except the textbook will be available through eLearn.

Grade Plan

Exams 1-3 100 points each

Assignments 1-5 20 points each

Participation 50 points

Total points: 450 (A = 405 points)

Grading Scale

A	90%
B	80%
C	70%
D	60%
F	59% and below

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In addition to the 5 online assignments listed above, students are expected to take notes during virtual class meetings and be able to respond to discussion questions relevant to the material.

Class Participation

Class Participation will be assessed based on student engagement during class meetings including responding to discussions in class as well as the timely completion of assignments and overall performance in the class. Keeping in regular contact with me especially in the event of absence from class or a missed assignment, may prevent deductions in participation score.

Academic Honesty

Faculty expect all students to refrain from acts of academic misconduct including but not limited to:

1. Plagiarism - refers to using another person's ideas or writing without giving proper credit to the original source. Indulging in this type of conduct will subject the student to disciplinary sanctions, which may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures of Walters State Community College as outlined in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" for the paper/exam/presentation. Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions contained in the college Catalog/Student Handbook apply (see policy 04:18:02 Disciplinary Sanctions).

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Using cut/paste tool from original document with no references given.
 - b. Copying another student's work and submitting it as one's own.
 - c. Forging or otherwise altering signatures.
 - d. Giving or falsifying academic documents or materials.
2. Cheating - construed as attempting to deceive or mislead which includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Utilizing old tests, projects, notes or written papers.
 - b. Providing unauthorized information to a fellow student about exam content.
 - c. Receiving unauthorized aid from any source with quizzes, examinations, or other assignments.
 - d. Seeking information in an unacceptable manner during/preceding an exam or other assigned work (cheat sheet, verbal exchange, looking at another person's paper or electronic device, utilizing headphones, using textbook when the test/quiz is not an open book test/quiz, using textbook test bank etc.).
 - e. Consulting with a classmate or others when taking a computerized test.
 - f. Disregarding other specific policies and procedures outlined for a particular class.
 - g. Utilizing unapproved technology/electronic equipment during testing (i.e.: mobile devices such as cell phones, smart devices, or tablets, etc.).

- h. Using the same Internet Protocol network address (IP address) as another student for testing without approval from the course faculty.
3. The use of any generative artificial intelligence (AI) tool, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Bard, or any other pre-trained language model (commonly referred to as "chatbot"), must be cited for any assignment where it has been used and may not be used unless specifically allowed by your instructor. Please see your instructor or the course policies within the syllabus if you have questions.

Student Resources

TUTORING SERVICES

Students in need of tutoring assistance are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Tutoring located as follows:

- Morristown Campus - Student Services Building Room L107 - (423) 585-6920
- Niswonger Campus - GRNV 226 - (423) 798-7982
- Sevierville Campus - MMH Room 210 - (865) 286-2787
- Claiborne Campus - Room 123A - (423) 851-4761

Specific tutoring assistance in mathematics and writing is available in-person and online as follows:

- Morristown Campus - English Learning Lab - HUM 120 - (423) 585-6970

[Walters State English Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](https://www.walters.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab)
[ws.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab](https://www.walters.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab)

- Morristown Campus - Mathematics Lab - MBSS 222 - (423) 585-6872

[Walters State Mathematics Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](https://www.walters.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab)
[ws.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab](https://www.walters.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab)

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Students who need assistance with computing and technology issues should contact the IET Helpdesk by phone at Morristown: (423) 318-2742; Niswonger: (423) 798-8186; or Sevierville: (865) 286-2789 or on-line access.

[Walters State Helpdesk \(opens in new window\)](https://helpdesk.walters.edu)
helpdesk.walters.edu

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities must register with Student Support Services each semester in the Student Services Building, Room U134 (phone (423) 585-6892) if they need any special facilities, services, or consideration.

[Walters State Student Support Services \(opens in new window\)](https://www.waltersstate.edu/student-services/disability/)
[ws.edu/student-services/disability/](https://www.waltersstate.edu/student-services/disability/)

SUICIDE PREVENTION STATEMENT

Walters State is committed to and cares about all students. Support services are available for any person at Walters State who is experiencing feelings of being overwhelmed, hopelessness, depression, thinking about dying by suicide, or is otherwise in need of assistance. For immediate help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 9-8-8 or the Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386. Veterans may also contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or Text 838255.

Walters State has a relationship in place with the following community agencies to provide services (may include crisis referral services, prevention screenings, etc.):

- Cherokee Health Systems 423-586-5032
- Frontier Health 423-467-3600

College Policies

STUDENTS HANDBOOK AS OFFICIAL GOVERNING DOCUMENT

This class is governed by the policies and procedures stated in the current Walters State Community College Student Handbook. All students attending Walters State Community College, regardless of the time, location, or format of the class, must abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the current Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook and the current Walters State Timetable of Classes.

[Walters State Catalog \(opens in new window\)](https://www.waltersstate.edu/catalog/)
[catalog.ws.edu/](https://www.waltersstate.edu/catalog/)

[Walters State Timetable of Classes \(opens in new window\)](https://www.waltersstate.edu/admissions/registration/)
[ws.edu/admissions/registration/](https://www.waltersstate.edu/admissions/registration/)

PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND MODIFICATION OF SYLLABUS

This syllabus sets forth the expectations for the course content, work, and grading as well as expectations for student performance and conduct. The syllabus does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructor or the College. The information contained here is subject to

change at any time. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time with written notification to the students. Though changes are possible, it is expected that the course will be conducted as described in this syllabus for the semester/year specified in the Course Information section of the syllabus. This syllabus is only valid for the semester/year specified and course requirements are not guaranteed for future semesters.

COURSE GROUND RULES

- Students must attend the first day of on-ground class or contact the instructor prior to the first class. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class. Excessive absences may substantially lower the course grade.
- Regular class attendance is a student's obligation for any course regardless of format. (See the Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook). If a student misses class, it is his or her responsibility to contact the instructor regarding missed assignments and/or activities and to be prepared for the next class assignment.
- Students enrolled in web courses must follow the course attendance policy defined for online attendance during the first week of class and throughout the term. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class during week one OR may result in the accrual of absences which may negatively impact the student's grade in the course.
- Students who have not paid fees on time and/or are not correctly registered for this class and whose names do not appear on official class rolls generated by the Walters State student information system (MyWS) will not be allowed to remain in class or receive credit for this course.
- Electronic devices must not disrupt the instructional process or college-sponsored academic activity. Use of electronic devices is prohibited unless use of the device is relevant to the activity and use is sanctioned by the faculty member in charge. Electronic devices that are not relevant to the activity or sanctioned by the faculty member in charge should be set so that they will not produce an audible sound during classroom instruction or other college-sponsored academic activity.

FINANCIAL AID

Students receiving any type of financial aid or scholarship should contact the Financial Aid Office before making any changes to their schedule. Schedule changes without prior approval may result in loss of award for the current term and future terms.

All forms of student Financial Aid may be jeopardized or lost due to the lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress in one or multiple courses. Lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress may negatively impact a student's degree/certificate completion pace and further jeopardize Financial Aid eligibility.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES AND ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

For information related to the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather or other events, please check the Senators Emergency Text system or the college's Web site at:

[Walters State Homepage \(opens in new window\)](#)

ws.edu/home/

[Walters State Facebook page \(opens in new window\)](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/WaltersState/>

[Walters State Twitter page \(opens in new window\)](#)

<https://twitter.com/waltersstate>

or call the college's student information line, 1-800-225-4770, option 1; the Sevier County Campus, (865) 774-5800, option 7; the Niswonger Campus (423) 798-7940, option 7; or the Claiborne County Campus, 423-636-6200, option 7. Also, please monitor local TV and radio stations for further announcements.

When an event or disaster interrupts the scheduled operations of the college and the ability to proceed with the academic course activities as planned, the college and your instructor may alter the course plan outlined in the syllabus. Should an event occur, students should refer to their course e-Learn pages and/or class materials previously delivered to receive guidance from their instructor. Students should continue to monitor the official college channels of communication listed in the above paragraph. If you would like to sign up for the Senators Emergency Text system, please go to the following Web site:

[Senator Emergency Text System \(opens in new window\)](#)

ws.edu/set/

Dual Enrollment students attending on a high school campus should refer to the high school inclement weather cancellations.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Brightspace (commonly known as eLearn or D2L) is the college's Learning Management System (LMS).

Brightspace is committed to accessibility by "deliver[ing] a learning experience that meets the needs of all people, regardless of age or ability." [Brightspace Accessibility Standard \(opens in new window\)](#)

Brightspace is also committed to guarding student data and privacy. [Brightspace Privacy Policy \(opens in new window\)](#)