I. **Course Description:** Study of US History since 1877.

II. **Course Objective:**

This course is a survey and interpretive evaluation of American history following the end of the Civil War and reconstruction to the 1970s/80s. In this course we will consider social, political, and economic institutions established after 1877 and their effect upon the social structure of the United States. Ultimately we will examine those forces that transition America to the modern age.

III. **COURSE MATERIALS:** **Required Textbooks**


IV. **COURSE REGULATIONS:**

A. **Attendance Policy:**
• Attendance will be taken in accordance with college regulations. A sign-up sheet will be passed for signature at each class. Each student is responsible to sign-in. Failure to sign-in means you were not in class. The student is responsible for all the material covered in class whether present or not. Class participation represents a portion of your final grade; failure to attend impacts your ability to participate.

• A student who misses three classes during the first half of the course places him/herself at an academic disadvantage. Three unexcused absences during the first eight weeks of the session can be grounds for administrative withdrawal.

• Promptness to class is expected in order to minimize class disruption for your fellow classmates.

• Advise instructor in advance if you anticipate you will be absent/late. Absence does not excuse you from fulfilling a course assignment for the night the you are absent, and for the night you return.

• Please turn off all cell phones and pagers, and remove hats/caps during class as a measure of courtesy to the instructor and classmates. If an emergency situation requires that you keep your cell phone on, please advise the instructor. Put all cell phones away (text messaging is still regarded as use of the cell phone in class and is not acceptable).

• Pre-made family vacation is not an excuse for an absence. You are expected to plan your vacations around class times.

• E-Mailing message to the instructor is OK. Please always use HIS 122 as your subject. If you email the instructor, you must do so from an NVCC email account. Students must not email assignments to instructor unless this has been cleared in advance. As a rule, assignments are to be typed and handed in during class.

B. Testing and Grading: (also refer to catalog for letter grade values)

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C. Buddy System:
Each student will select or be assigned a classmate as a buddy during the first class meeting. You will exchange phone numbers and use each other as a sounding board, study partner and project helper as needed. If you are absent on any day, you are responsible for contacting your buddy for an update on class content and any changes/additions in assignments that may have occurred. If your circumstance with your buddy does not work out for you, advise the instructor and will get another buddy.

D. Class Group Discussions:
During the course of a lecture you will be asked to break out into small groups to discuss information presented. This group project is a give-and-take effort. Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions or comment on the subject at hand at any time whether in group discussion or during lecture. The purpose of this exercise is to learn how to put forth a point supported by facts/evidence and bolstered by opinion, rather than by opinion only. Participation in these discussions count as part of your grade.

E. Exam Information:
- Number of tests: Three tests: please refer to attached semester calendar for exact dates.
- Components: Exams likely will include a combination of multiple choice, cross-match, fill-in's, identifications, and essay questions. Essays segment of tests are take home essays.
- Make-Up Exams: Allowed only in an extreme situation as determined by the instructor. Vacation is not considered an extreme situation. Such exceptions will, however, include death (immediate family), personal hospitalization, or official college business.

F. Incomplete:
A grade of "I" may be awarded only after consultation with the instructor before the last day of class and will be considered by the instructor only under extreme circumstances. If a grade of "I" is given and the "incomplete" work is not satisfactorily completed within two weeks of the exam date, the course grade will be changed to "F".

G. Withdrawal: The last day to withdraw without grade penalty or to change to audit is (consult the class calendar distributed in class).