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SYLLABUS HIS 202-51 United States History II Spring, 2006

Prerequisite(s)	As required by program
Course Description	This course is a continuation of U.S. History I. This course covers the period from the end of the Civil War to the current era.
Course Objectives	Students will gain a comprehensive knowledge of U.S. history and its impact on current U.S. events and policies. Students will learn to examine current happenings in the light of American history and detect trends in American society and government.
Instructor	John Alexander
Student hours and location for Student Hours	Room 2613 5:30-6 p.m. Tuesday Other hours by appointment
Instructor's E-mail and phone number	jalexander@sheltonstate.edu (205) 792-4930
Division Chair's E-mail and phone number	Mr. Corley Odom, Jr. codom@sheltonstate.edu 391-2476
Web site	http://sheltonstate.edu/faculty/~jalexander http://www.johnalex.org/
Class days and time	Tuesday 6 to 8:45 p.m.
Campus and Class location	Martin Campus Room 2905
Attendance Policy	SSCC Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered, to be prompt and to remain in class/lab for the entire time. Attendance will be recorded at every class/lab meeting. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from the class. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

Make-up policy	<p>NOTE: Effective January 1, 2005, The manner in which make up work, test(s), or assignments will be given for excused absences, as allowed by the Standard College Policies, shall be left solely to the discretion of the instructor.</p> <p>Missing an exam without a valid, written excuse will result in a “0” for the exam. The absence will be considered excused only if legitimate extenuating circumstances — including sickness, death in the immediate family, military, or certain legal obligations — are documented in writing. For an absence to be excused, the student must submit appropriate documentation, in writing, of the extenuating circumstances within one returning to class. Any missed material will not be re-taught by the instructor. Weather is not an extenuating circumstance if Shelton State and public roads remain open. Missed exams must be taken within one the scheduled time. Essays and written assignments will receive a deduction of a letter grade for each calendar day the assignment is late unless approval is obtained in advance from the instructor.</p> <p>If the student cannot attend class on the day a written assignment is due, the student may e-mail the paper to me at the e-mail address above.</p>
Required textbook and Course Materials	<p>Ayers, E.L., et. al. <i>American Passages: A History of the United States</i> (2nd Compact Edition). Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth, 2005.</p> <p>Charles Lipson, <i>Doing Honest Work in College</i>, The University of Chicago Press.</p>

Academic Misconduct Policy and Penalties	<p>Students are expected to be honorable in all college assignments. Suspected cases of academic misconduct are reported to the Dean of Instructional Services. Any student determined to have engaged in academic misconduct will receive a “0” for the assignment in question, with no possibility of extra credit to account for the assignment. See the Shelton State Community College Student Handbook for definitions and discussions of academic misconduct.</p>
Midterm	<p>The midterm exam will be held 14 February. The midterm will be multiple-choice.</p>
Essays	<p>There will be 3 essay assignments. Each essay should be at least one page in length, but no longer than 4 pages.</p>
News	<p>Each student is expected to follow current American events during this course. As you follow these events, attempt to identify trends discussed in class. Students will be asked on the final if they have completed this assignment.</p>
Research Paper	<p>Each student will be required to complete a research paper for this course. Students must demonstrate the abilities to conduct research, interpret the information they find, and summarize the information in a credible fashion. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, and written using MLA format. The final paper should be between 5 and 10 pages. Your topic will require approval before you begin the paper. You should choose your topic by 7 March; you will receive approval on the 14th. The paper is due on at the beginning of class on 18 April.</p>
Final Examination	<p>9 May 2005, 6 to 8 p.m.</p>
Standard College Policies	<p>The Standard College Policies apply to <i>all</i> classes at the college and are a part of every official course syllabus; each student receives a copy when he or she completes the vehicle registration/waiver procedure. It is also available at www.sheltonstate.edu. It is the responsibility of the student to have a copy of these policies and to abide by them. This class syllabus is intended to give further detail about the policies and expectations in <i>this</i> class.</p> <p>NOTE: Effective January 1, 2005, the manner in which make up work, test(s), or assignments will be given for excused absences, as allowed by the Standard College Policies, shall be left solely to the discretion of the instructor.</p>
Americans with Disabilities Act	<p>The College complies with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. All inquiries or concerns should be directed to the Dean of Student Services at (205) 391-2216.</p>

Grading:

	<i>Percentage of Grade Or number of points</i>	<i>Student's score</i>
Midterm	20%	
Essays	35%	
Research Paper	35%	
Final Examination	10%	
	100%	

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following:

<i>Percentage Grade</i>	<i>Letter grade</i>
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

Important Dates for this class:

13 January	Last day to drop/add
14 February	Midterm
21 February	First Essay
28 February	Second Essay
7 March	Third Essay
18 April	Final Research Paper
2 May	Last day of class
4 May	Final exam, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Course Outline Calendar – Spring 2006
John Alexander

Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m.

Date	Topics	Readings
1/10/2006	Course introduction. Reconstruction. Presidents Johnson and Grant.	Chapter 16
1/17/2006	Westward Expansion; Big Business, Industrialism, and unions. Presidents Hayes, Arthur, and Cleveland.	Chapter 17
1/24/2006	Urban growth and rural opposition, anti-trust legislation, Populism.	Chapter 18
1/31/2006	The 1890's: <i>Plessy vs. Ferguson</i> , McKinley, the Spanish-American War and imperialism.	Chapter 19
2/7/2006	Theodore Roosevelt, Progressivism, the Labor movement.	Chapters 20-21
2/14/2006	Woodrow Wilson, World War I.	Chapter 22
2/21/2006	Post-War politics, societal trends, suffrage, the Great Depression.	Chapters 23-24
2/28/2006	Midterm. FDR and the New Deal.	Chapter 25
3/7/2006	World War II, the rise of America.	Chapter 26
3/14/2006	The beginnings of the Cold War; The Korean War.	Chapter 26
3/21/2006	Spring Break	
3/28/2006	Postwar America, McCarthy, Eisenhower. The beginnings of the Civil Rights movement.	Chapters 27-28
4/4/2006	The 60's. JFK, Civil Rights, Vietnam.	Chapter 29
4/11/2006	The 70's. Nixon, Watergate, Ford, Carter.	Chapter 30
4/18/2006	The 80's: Reagan and the American resurgence.	Chapter 31
4/25/2006	The 90's: Fall of Communism, GHW Bush, Clinton, the rise of the Republican Party.	Chapter 32
5/2/2006	The 21 st century: GW Bush presidency.	
9 May 2006	Final, 6 to 8 p.m.	

This course outline and the dates established therein are tentative, and the instructor reserves the right to change them.