

Southern Polytechnic State University

**United States History to 1877 Hist. 2111 – (005, 006)
CRN 8325, 8326**

MWF 1:00 – 1:50am, 2:00- 2:50pm Room J 158

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Required Text: “America” a concise history 4rd ed. Vol. I to 1877, by Henretta, Brody and Dumenil.

Course description: History 2111 is designed to present a **thematic** approach to the study of significant trends and events in early U.S. History. This course will trace the evolution of these significant American developments from about the 15th century to the present. In this class the student will gain knowledge of the past in order to gain insight into the present.

Requirements: Attend lectures regularly, complete exams and quizzes with an average score or 60% or better.

Your course grade will be based on an average of grades earned on:

1. Two major exams 33% each (Blue Exam Books are a requirement)
2. Three surprise quizzes 33% total (no make-ups are permitted except for serious personal situations.....official documentation and my approval is a requirement)

Grading:

A-90-100%

B-80-89%

C-70-79%

D-60-69%

F-below 60%

Bonus point options: You have two opportunities to earn 5-point bonuses; you may use the first, second, or both. An essay of adequate grade C quality or better, will earn a 5-point bonus that will be added to your course grade points before the course grade is averaged. For each 5-point bonus paper, submit a one to two page double spaced typed essay or report describing a visit to a history museum or historic cite; or read and summarize an article from a scholarly journal or watch a documentary movie that

pertains to this time period covered by this course. (Only stapled hard copies will be accepted)

In addition,

You can earn 10 additional points, if you also give the class an oral presentation -- total 15 point per paper and oral presentation.

Examinations: Exams could include multiple choice, true/false, essays and identifications. No make-ups are permitted except for serious personal situations. In instances where a make-up is appropriate, all efforts must be made to seek my approval prior to the scheduled exam.

No one will be seated after the exam has begun!!

Due dates for bonus papers and exams:

The last day I will accept bonus papers will be November 13, 2009

Midterm exam: September 30, 2009

Important dates:

First day of classes:	Monday, August 24, 2009
Labor Day Holiday:	Monday, September 7, 2009
Withdrawal Day:	Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Thanksgiving Holidays:	Wednesday, November 25-27, 2009
Last Day of Class:	Thursday, December 10, 2009
Final Exams:	Saturday, December 12-16, 2009

Academic honesty: Copying the work of another person is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism or any other form of cheating will result in an F for the course.

Courtesy: Individuals should avoid distracting other class members or the instructor. The following conduct is expected of all class members:

Arrive on time

Stay seated

Do not leave early

Snacks and beverages are not permitted

No sleeping in class

No cell phones

No computer use in class

Refusal to comply with Faculty direction

Attendance: You are responsible not only for the chapters assigned in the text, but also for all material covered in this class. If you are absent, it will be necessary to get notes from another student in order to keep up with the class.

If you have more than 4 unexcused absences, 5-points per absence will be subtracted.

Emergency Flu Plan:

In the event the university is shut down for more than a few days, I will continue class lectures and instructions at the same times as previously assigned, using the e-mail format.