

Chaminade University of Honolulu

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U.S. History 202: ²⁰America Since the Civil War

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April 9 to June 11, 1999
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5:30/9:40 Fridays

Objectives: History is simply a record of human events. This course aims at acquainting the student with the political, social, economic, international and technological events and trends that shaped the conditions of life in the United States since the end of the Civil War. It will provide the student with a broad knowledge of the people, developments, and issues salient to the period, and a general understanding of the relationships among these events and trends, and how the past continues to influence our lives.

Requirements: There will be a mid-term examination [date to be determined] and a final examination, both essay, aimed at measuring the student's grasp of significant people and events, and the student's understanding of historical relationships. A critical book review of one scholarly book of the student's choice, relevant to some aspect of the history of this period, and approved by the instructor, is also required, and is due not later than 12 March.

Attendance: Since class participation is an element of your final grade, and since class discussions will expand upon and amplify your text assignments, it is important that your attendance be regular and prompt. Read your assignments in preparation for class and be prepared to discuss the subject.

Grading: Performance evaluation will be based on:

Class Participation	10%
Mid-Term Examination	30%
Book Review	20%
Final Examination	40%

General Readings:

Reading assignments are from **Gary Nash, Julie Roy Jeffrey, et al. *The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society***, New York: HarperCollins, 1996. Additional reading handouts may be provided from time to time.

Class Schedule:

- 9 April Introduction, administrative requirements, panoramic review of the American experience through the Civil War.
- 16 April **Reconstruction and Expansion** – *The Birth of New South; Filling the Great Plains; Agrarian Ferment*. Text: **Chapters 16-17**
- 23 April &
30 April **Industrialization & Immigration** - *The Gilded Age; Robber Barons; The Gospel of Wealth; The Huddled Masses; Urban Growth; Social Darwinism*. Text: **Chapters 18-19**
- 7 May **Imperialism** - *Social Darwinism Writ Large; The War With Spain; A New World Power*. Text: **Chapter 20**
- 14 May **Idealism** – *The Progressive Era & Social Reform; The War to End All Wars*. Text: **Chapters 21-22**
- 21 May **Isolationism** – *The Roaring Twenties; The Great Depression; The New Deal*. Text: **Chapters 23-24**
- 28 May **Internationalism** – *Global War; The Atomic Age & Cold War; Limited War & Domestic Effects*. Text: **Chapters 25-28**
- 4 June **Introspection** – *Camelot & Liberalism; The Great Society; The Age of Cynicism*. Text: **Chapters 28-30**
- 11 June **FINAL EXAMINATION**