

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall, 2018	Instructor Name:	Lisa Solomon
Course Title & #:	HIST 121: US 1877 to Current	Email:	lisa.solomon@imperial.edu
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Classroom:	212	Office #:	807
Class Dates:	Aug. 14-Dec. 6, 2018	Office Hours:	M 11:30am-1:00pm TR 1:00pm-2:00pm W 11:30am-2:00pm
Class Days:	TR	Office Phone #:	760-355-6453
Class Times:	8:00am – 9:25am	Department Contact:	760-355-6144
Units:	3		

I am available for meetings with students beyond the class hours. However, because of other obligations, students should contact me to set up an appointment. Contact can be made before or after class, by email, or by voice mail.

Course Description

The major events of United States history from 1877 to the present will be studied. This examination will include the social, political, economic, racial, gender, cultural and intellectual changes that have occurred, and their relevance to current events. Of special note will be an examination of America's rise to global power.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to: (1) identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film; (2) describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event; and (3) explain and analyze the key information contained in a primary source document.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to: Identify the major events and key intellectual, cultural, social, political and economic trends in United States history from the post-Reconstruction period to the late 20th century, and identify and understand the significance of important personalities and ideas in United States history after 1877.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required: *US History*. Go to <https://openstaxcollege.org/students> to access the text. There is no cost for the digital version. Printed copies are available for order through OpenStax, or may be purchased at the College Bookstore. ISBN for the PDF: 978-1-947172-08-1. ISBN for the print version: 978-1-938168-36-9.

Recommended: Longman Advanced American Dictionary, 3rd edition. ISBN 9781447913139. The 2nd edition is also acceptable for this class, as is any comparable dictionary.

Additional readings or articles may be presented or assigned by me as deemed relevant.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Exams: There will be four exams (two shorter tests, Midterm and Final). All will be based on the text, any additional readings, lectures (which includes Power Point presentations), and videos. The two shorter tests include identifying terms and answering a short essay question. The Midterm and Final are entirely essay.

Only one make-up exam will be given to a student during the semester, and must be scheduled with me. Make-up exams may be used only if the original exam was not taken at the scheduled time due to illness or verified family or work emergency, and I am notified before the test. Any make-up exams scheduled for more than three school days after the original test date face a point reduction of 25%. I will not approve any make-up test scheduled later than one (1) week after the original test date. There is NO make-up available for the last exam!

Grading rubrics will be posted on Canvas for the Midterm and Final exams.

Writing Requirement: Students will be required to complete four written assignments. Information on these assignments will be presented by me.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grading: The course maximum is 1000 points, based on the following:

Discussion/Participation	190 points (approx. 6 pts. per class)
Exams (two @ 60 points each)	120 points
Assignments (four @ 60 points each)	240 points
Midterm	150 points
Final	300 points

Grading will be based on total points, as follows: A = 901 – 1000 pts. B = 801 – 900.5 pts.
C = 701 – 800.5 pts. D = 601 – 700.5 pts.
F = 0 – 600.5 pts.

Discussion points will be deducted when a student is late (1 point each time), and/or when a student disrupts the class by talking during the lecture or videos loud enough to disturb other students (or for me to hear you), has a cell phone ring during class, etc. (1/2 point each time). Points can only be earned by a student who asks questions and/or participates in classroom discussions. Points are not earned simply for attendance.

I reserve the right to have students complete additional work in class. Any such work will have points added to what is shown above. I do NOT offer extra credit work.

Letter grades will not be included on tests and assignments. They will only be used for the final course grade.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the Instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the Instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the Instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and Instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the Instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an "F" in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct.

Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your Instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the Instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

The readings are to be done before class. **This schedule is subject to change without notice.** NOTE: Some of the video content is graphic, and may be difficult for any student dealing with PTSD. Please let me know if this applies to you, and take necessary steps to take care of yourself.

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****

Date	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Reading
Aug. 14	Syllabus; Intro to the class In-class essay	
Aug. 16	Post-war West Assignment #1 on Canvas	Chap. 17
Aug. 21	Industry, labor, and cities Assignment #1 due	Chaps. 18 & 19
Aug. 23	19 th century politics; Progressives; Quest for empire	Pp. 601-613 (to 21.3), 633-640 (to 22.2), 647-656
Aug. 28	Spanish-American War	Pp. 640-647 (to 22.3)

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Aug. 30	Spanish-American War; Discussion; Early 1900s	Pp. 613-614 (to “Leaders...”), 617-623 (to “The Taft....”)
Sep. 04	1905-1915; preview of first test	Pp. 623-628, 661-664 (to “War Erupts...”)
Sep. 06	Test #1	
Sep. 11	World War I	Pp. 664-684
Sep. 13	World War I; to 1920	Pp. 614-616, 684-688
Sep. 18	1920s Assignment #2 on Canvas	Chap. 24
Sep. 20	Market crash and depression Assignment #2 due	Chap. 25
Sep. 25	FDR and the New Deals	Chap. 26
Sep. 27	1920s and 1930s abroad Midterm study guide on Canvas	Pp. 787-793 (to “The Atlantic Charter”)
Oct. 02	Lead-up to war; WWII at home	Pp. 793-807 (to 2703)
Oct. 04	Midterm exam	
Oct. 09	WWII abroad; Truman’s decision In-class essay	Pp. 807-816
Oct. 11	To 1950; Cold War and Korea	Pp. 821-832
Oct. 16	“Red Scare”; Civil rights and society Assignment #3 on Canvas	Pp. 833-849
Oct. 18	John Kennedy Assignment #3 due	Pp. 855-860 (to “Vietnam”), 862-863 (to 29.2)
Oct. 23	Lyndon Johnson; Civil rights	Pp. 861-862 (to “Tragedy...”), 863-881
Oct. 25	Vietnam	Pp. 860-861 (to “Tentative...”), 867-869 (to 29.3)
Oct. 30	1968 Test #2 guide on Canvas	Pp. 893-896, 901-903 (“My Lai” to “Battles...”), 901, 903-906 (to 30.4)
Nov. 01	Test #2	
Nov. 06	Late 1960s - Early 1970s; Richard Nixon	Pp. 885-893 (to 30.2), 897-900
Nov. 08	Ending the war	
Nov. 13	Watergate and its impacts Assignment #4 on Canvas	Pp. 906-910 (to “Ford...”)
Nov. 15	Ford and Carter; Fall of Saigon Assignment #4 due	Pp. 910-914
Nov. 20-22	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving break	
Nov. 27	The Reagan Era	Pp. 919-934 (to “No New Taxes”)
Nov. 29	George Bush	Pp. 934-937

Date	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Reading
	Final exam study guide on Canvas	
Dec. 04	Memorial In-class essay	
Dec. 06	Final exam	