

How This Course Works

Doc Butler

HIST1302

Course Content

- Part One: 1865 to 1900
- Part Two: 1901 to 1921
- Part Three: 1921-1945
- Part Four: 1945-1981
- Part Five (Self-Study Section): 1981-2009

Exercises

- 4 (Richland) or 5 (Collin) Additional Reading Exercises (AREs) to be taken on eCampus (Richland) or Blackboard (Collin)
- Each ARE is worth 3% of grade
- 4 (Richland) or 5 (Collin) Map Exercises (Mapexs) to be taken on eCampus (Richland) or Blackboard (Collin)
- Each MAPEX is worth 3% of grade
- See Course Calendar for deadline dates

Oral History Project (Richland Only)

- Students will complete an Oral History Project (OHP) in lieu of ARE3 and MAPEX3
- OHP is worth 6% of course grade
- OHP will consist of 3 Parts: 1.) Digitally-recorded interview with a veteran OR someone old enough to remember the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, 2.) A Reflection Essay, and 3.) a completed Intellectual Property Release Form.
- If interview is not video-recorded, student may submit still photos with audio file
- Part 1 is worth 70% of OHP grade, Part 2 is worth 20%, and Part 3 is worth 10%. As noted above, entire OHP is worth 6% of course grade
- See Course Calendar for deadline dates and eCampus course home page for complete instructions

Exams

- 5 Regular Exams (to be taken on eCampus (Richland) or Blackboard (Collin))
- Each Regular Exam is worth 10% of grade
- 1 Final Exam (to be taken in class)
- Final Exam is worth 20% of grade
- Part 5 Exam may be taken any time between the beginning of the course and the deadline posted in the course calendar
- All Regular Exams (except #5) will be available online immediately after class at the end of each part of the course (Thu. For TR courses and Fri. for MWF courses) and must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on the following Sunday night.
- See course calendar for exam deadline dates

You'll Use 2 Websites (3 if you do the RCO)

- “Back to the Past with Doc Butler” for Syllabus, PowerPoints, Review Sheets, material for Self-Study Section, etc.
(profbutler.watermelon-kid.com)
- eCampus (Richland) or Blackboard (Collin) to complete exercises, take regular exams, and track your grades
- If you exercise the RCO, you'll use the QuizStar website in addition to the two above.

What is the RCO?

- RCO stands for “Replacement Credit Option”
- This is NOT a course requirement. It is an OPTION.
- For the RCO, you will look up the answers to 100 questions about the U.S. (or Texas) Constitution and turn in your answers on a Scantron form.
- After Doc Butler grades your Practice Scantron, you will then take a 50-question U.S. (or Texas) Constitution Exam on QuizStar.
- Whatever you make on the RCO exam will replace your lowest regular exam score. You can only use this for one exam.
- You may NOT exercise the RCO to replace the Final Exam.
- You must complete all RCO requirements before Finals week.
- If you have never exercised the RCO in any of my classes, you must do the U.S. Constitution version first. You will do the Texas Constitution version only if you have done the U.S. Constitution version in another class.

Note Taking and Review Tips

- Don't try to write down every word in every PowerPoint slide caption, just main thoughts
- If prof says something is “very important to remember” (or similar words), that means you really ought to put it in your notes
- You may use prof's PowerPoint slides on website to review any material you missed or are unsure of
- The prof's website also includes Review sheets for each part of the course, listing important-to-know people, places, and events.
- There's no time for an in-class review. You'll have to review on your own or with your classmates.