



Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

2026 Winter Session

HIS 106 U.S. History II

Course Outline

Course Code: HIS 106

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Credit: 4

Class Hours:

This course will have 60 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions, 8-hour extra classes.

Course Description:

The course is a survey of United States History from 1877 to the present.

This course explores the consequences of a federal victory in the Civil War and the incomplete reconstruction that followed in shaping the emergence of a distinctly American state and society. Some themes stressed include the rise and structure of corporate capitalism, the development of mass consumerism, the distinctiveness of the American South, and the politicization of social issues from Prohibition to desegregation to abortion. Throughout the semester, students will be introduced to the historian's craft. They will study what historians do, how they do it, and why.

We will read a survey e-text, with accompanying primary sources and materials designed to teach the historical analysis of chronology and primary evidence, and of visual, data, and geographical information. Class will be primarily lecture-based but will require student participation through discussion sessions with the Teaching Assistant. This is an upper division course and will require significant time, effort and thought from its students. You are ill-advised to take it unless you have the time and the will to work hard.

Required Course Materials:



Jill Lepore, *These Truths: A History of the United States*. Volume II. Inquiry Edition: Illumine Ebook and Inquisitive. Norton Publishing Co., 2023.

Online Learning Policy:

Without your regular engagement with the materials and energetic participation in discussion sessions, you will not achieve the objectives of the class. Students are expected to watch the recorded lectures and take notes, read all the assigned materials, complete all assignments and exams, and attend all synchronous discussion sections. Roll will be taken at discussion. Oral discussion with the professor will be required to confirm the independence of exams, papers, and exercises submitted.

Grading:

Examinations: There will be a midterm and a cumulative final examination. Both will be a combination of essay and short answer, along with oral consultation with the professor. Exams should be written in Word Doc form, not pdf, so that the instructor can comment directly on the work.

E-book Exercises: The E-book exercises must be completed by the end of the week for which they are assigned. E-book exercises submitted after that time will not be accepted.

Discussion Participation: Students should come to all Discussion Sessions prepared to talk about that week's lectures and assigned reading. Attendance will be taken.

Grading & Evaluation:

E-book Inquisitive Exercises	25%
E-book Illumine Exercises	20%
Final Exam	25%
Midterm Exam	20%
Discussion Participation	10%

Grading Policies:

Assigned exercises must be turned in the week that they are due. No late exercises will be accepted. The examinations will be given synchronously and cannot be rescheduled. Plan now to be available to take the exams on the day and time scheduled.

Grading System (1 ~ 100)

A+ : 96 - 100	A : 91 - 95
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B+ : 86 - 90	B : 81 - 85
C+ : 76 - 80	C : 71 - 75
D+ : 66 - 70	D : 60 - 65
F : 0 - 59	
Pa : Pass	Fa : Fail

Course Schedule

WEEK 1

Reconstructing America, 1865-1914.

Lepore, chapters 13-15.

Inquisitive and Check Your Understanding exercises due no later than Friday.

WEEK 2

Prosperity, Depression, and War, 1914-1945.

Lepore, chapters 16-18.

Inquisitive and Check Your Understanding exercises due no later than Friday.

Midterm Exam, Friday. Time to be announced.

WEEK 3

Cold War, Consumerism, and Civil Unrest, 1945-1980.

Lepore, chapters 19-21.

Inquisitive and Check Your Understanding exercises due no later than Friday.

WEEK 4

Twilight of American Dominance and Challenges to Democracy, 1981-2021.

Lepore, chapters 22-24.

Inquisitive and Check Your Understanding exercises due no later than Friday.

Final Exam, Friday. Time to be announced.