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HISTORY 365--HISTORY OF THE SOUTH  
Summer Term, 2010

Required Readings: (Books are listed in the order in which we will read them; all are available for purchase in the bookstore.)


Information about the Course and Requirements:

This course examines the history of the American South from colonial beginnings to the present from the perspectives of social, cultural, political, economic, and intellectual history. The basic method of presentation will be lecture with some class discussion.

We will consider the questions: What is the South? Does the South constitute a distinct entity within the United States? On the basis of what characteristics? To what extent is the South both distinctive from and similar to the rest of America? We will also look at the paradox of Southerners' attachment to both liberty and slavery, to the ways in which racial and gender hierarchies were established, and how attachment to those hierarchies has shaped the course of Southern history.

Requirements: The course will require quizzes on the five books assigned for the class, one essay midterm, and a comprehensive essay final examination. Assigned readings have been deliberately kept at a moderate level so that a diligent student may understand and master them. Thus, students are expected to do all readings by the date assigned and to address the theses of the various authors intelligently both in class discussions and on the midterm and
final examinations. Please see the syllabus for the due dates for each requirement.

PLEASE NOTE: NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES OR EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED, except in cases of serious illness or death in the family. Please let me know of all such emergencies immediately.

Grades will be weighted as follows: Five Quizzes 35%  
Midterm Examination 25%  
Final Examination 40%

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS:

June 21  
Introduction—in Search of Southern History and Colonial Beginnings  
Readings: Blasingame, The Slave Community

June 23  
Agriculture and the Emergence of Slavery, and Colonial Southern Families  
Readings: Blasingame, The Slave Community

June 25  
The South in the American Revolution, and The Peculiar Institution, Part 1  
Quiz on Blasingame

June 28  
The Peculiar Institution, Part 2, and Growing Southern Sectionalism  
Readings: Wyatt-Brown, Southern Honor

June 30  
Society in the Antebellum South  
Readings: Wyatt-Brown, Southern Honor

July 2  
Southern Religion and Education, and Agricultural Reform and Movements to Industrialize  
Quiz on Wyatt-Brown

July 5  
Holiday

July 7  
Resistance to Abolition and Political Crisis  
Readings: Thomas, The Confederate Nation

July 9  
Causes of the Civil War, and the Civil War, 1861-63  
Quiz on Thomas

July 12  
The Civil War (film) and the Civil War, 1863-65

July 14  
Midterm Examination (one hour); Presidential Reconstruction  
Readings: Faulkner, Absalom, Absalom!
July 16  The Freedmen and the Freedwomen in the South, and Congressional Reconstruction
   Readings: Faulkner, *Absalom, Absalom!*

July 19  Counter-Reconstruction and the Compromise of 1877, and the "New South" Gospel and Industrial and Agricultural Development
   Readings: Faulkner, *Absalom, Absalom!*

July 21  The Rise of Populism
   Readings: Faulkner, *Absalom, Absalom!*

July 23  **Holiday**

July 26  The Age of Booker T. Washington, and Segregation and Racial Violence
   Readings: Faulkner, *Absalom, Absalom!*

July 28  Educational and Social Developments, and Return to National Political Power
   Readings: Faulkner, *Absalom, Absalom!*

July 30  The Southern Literary Renaissance, and Religion in the South
   **Quiz on Faulkner**

August 2  The South in the 1920s, and the Depression and the New Deal
   Readings: Raines, *My Soul is Rested*

August 4  The Impact of World War II, and Urbanization and Changes in the Southern Economy
   Readings: Raines, *My Soul is Rested*

August 6  The Civil Rights Movement, Part 1
   **Quiz on Raines**

August 9  The Civil Rights Movement, Part 2 (and film)

August 11  **Final Examination** (comprehensive)
   1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Please Note: University policy prohibits giving final examinations before the scheduled date and time. Please do not ask for an exception to this policy.