

**Purdue University Northwest**  
**HIST 57300: The Long Nineteenth Century**  
Fall 2021: 8/23/21 - 12/18/21 (Online Asynchronous)  
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**Overview:** The graduate course investigates American history between the 1790s and the outbreak of World War One, and its broader connections to world political, economic, and cultural influences. Students will also gain a historiographical understanding of class topics and where required readings fit into the scholarly literature. Topics covered through our various texts will be:

- Jeffersonian democracy and political economy, and its foundation in Western ideas
- The American Whig Party and its various personalities, factions, and worldviews
- Antebellum slavery, Southern planters, and their market-oriented impulses
- The role religion played in fomenting and shaping understandings of the American Civil War
- The artistic and cultural rejection of modernity in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and the creation of an anti-modernist counter tradition

**Format and Expectations:** This is an online course administered through Purdue University's Brightspace system. Students are expected to read carefully the selected texts, identify theses, critique sources, and answer reading questions. Students will also research and compose a major project due at semester's conclusion. The topic will be based on the course parameters and finalized in consultation with the professor.

**Course Objectives:**

- To understand major political, economic, and cultural issues in the United States (and by extension, Europe) between 1789 and 1914
- To have a better understanding of major historiographical debates by examining texts that play a major role in these evolving discussions
- To hone research skills in primary and secondary sources, develop clear theses, and construct effective and well organized written historical arguments

<b>Grading Policy:</b>	Reading Questions	60%
	Research Paper	40%

- A (90-100) – outstanding student achievement, far above average university-level work in meeting course requirements [A+ 97-100, A 94-96, A- 90-93]
- B (80-89) – above-average student achievement at the university-level in meeting course requirements [B+ 87-89, B 84-86, B- 80-83]
- C (70-79) – average university-level achievement that meets course requirements [ C+ 77-79, C 74-76, C- 70-73]
- D (60-69) – below-average student achievement that barely meets course requirements [D+ 67-69, D 64-66, D- 60-63]
- F (59 and under) – failure of the course requirements, which means that course work was poor and not worthy of credit or was not completed at all

**Class Policies** (read these carefully):

Academic dishonesty in any class assignment will result in a zero for that assignment. All written assignments must be composed entirely in the student's own words – plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment. If you are unsure of what plagiarism is, inform yourself. Read the University Honor Code ([www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/honor-code](http://www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/honor-code)) and Academic Dishonesty Policy ([www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/purdue-university-northwest-academic-integrity-policy/](http://www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/purdue-university-northwest-academic-integrity-policy/)) for more details. Ignorance of what constitutes plagiarism is not an acceptable excuse.



30 Aug	Read <i>Elusive Republic</i> Ch. 6-10 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 5 Sept</u>
6 Sept	Read <i>Political Culture of American Whigs</i> Ch. 1-6 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 12 Sept</u> <b><u>Project decision due - send to professor via email</u></b>
13 Sept	Read <i>Political Culture of American Whigs</i> Ch. 7-11 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 19 Sept</u>
20 Sept	Read <i>Ruling Race</i> Ch. 1-5 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 26 Sept</u>
27 Sept	Read <i>Ruling Race</i> Ch. 6-Epilogue <u>Reading questions due Sunday 3 Oct</u>
4 Oct	Read <i>America Aflame</i> Ch. 1-5 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 10 Oct</u>
11 Oct	Read <i>America Aflame</i> Ch. 6-11 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 17 Oct</u>
18 Oct	Read <i>America Aflame</i> Ch. 12-16 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 24 Oct</u>
25 Oct	Read <i>America Aflame</i> Ch. 17-22 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 31 October</u>
1 Nov	Read <i>No Place of Grace</i> Ch. 1-4 <u>Reading questions due Sunday 7 Nov</u>
8 Nov	Read <i>No Place of Grace</i> Ch. 5-Epilogue <u>Reading questions due Sunday 14 Nov</u>
15 Nov	Work on project
22 Nov	Work on project
29 Nov	Work on project
6 Dec	Work on project
12 Dec	<b><u>Research paper due by midnight</u></b>