

Course Syllabus

Course Information

<i>Course Number/Section</i>	HIST 7321 001
<i>Course Title</i>	American Intellectual History
<i>Term</i>	Spring 2026
<i>Days & Times</i>	T 10:00-12:45 JO 3.536

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

MA/PhD Students in AHT.

Course Description

This course is a graduate. level overview of American thought from the seventeenth century to the present, with a focus on philosophy, political thought, and social thought. We will be reading a selective sample of recent and classic scholarly literature on American intellectual history. Topics covered include: Puritanism, the American Enlightenment, evangelical religion, romanticism, feminism, abolition and pro-slavery thought, Darwinism, natural science and religion, modernism and antimodernism, cold war liberalism and its critics, race and gender ideologies, the rise of social science, pragmatism, forms of relativism, postmodernisms. This course lays the foundation for students who are interested in pursuing a PhD exam field in American intellectual history.

As an overview, the course generally sacrifices depth for breadth; it seeks to put students on a basis of familiarity with a broad range of thought and issues, but does not provide an in-depth examination of a specific issue or problem. Students will be able to explore specific topics in more depth with their papers. One of the secondary purposes of the course is to give students a working understanding of the approaches to the past characteristic of intellectual history as a discipline. Students will learn the variety of ways in which scholars

approach the thought and thinkers of the past, how they use sources, what kinds of argumentation and modes of writing are characteristic of intellectual history. In particular, the purpose of reading substantial secondary sources is to get students to understand how to think about ideas historically, rather than in other ways, such as philosophically or instrumentally.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Students will analyze and interpret a significant body of thought in American intellectual history.

Students will demonstrate knowledge of historiography of American intellectual history.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Required Texts

Robert Abzug, Cosmos Crumbling: American Reform and the Religious Imagination
978-0195045680

Claire Rydell Arcenas, America's Philosopher: John. Locke in American Intellectual. Life
978-0226638607

Leslie Butler, Consistent Democracy: The Woman Question and Self-Government in Nineteenth-Century America
978-0197685839

David Hall, The Puritans: A Transatlantic History
978-0691203379

Andrew Hartman, A War for the Soul of America: A History of the Culture Wars, 2nd edition
978-0226621913

Sarah Igo, The Known Citizen
978-0674244795

Kunal M. Parker, The Turn to Process: American Legal, Political, and Economic Thought, 1870-1970

978-1009335232

Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, American Nietzsche
978-0226006765

Daniel Rodgers, Age of Fracture
978-0674064362

Keidrick Roy, American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of
Black Liberalism
978-0691252360

Jonathan Strassfeld, Inventing Philosophy's Other: Phenomenology in
America
978-0226821597

Additional materials on course electronic reserve as indicated in the
schedule of readings.

The umbrella organizations for historians are:

The American Historical Association
(AHA)
<https://www.historians.org>

The Organization of American History
(OAH)
<https://www.oah.org>

Students may follow the most significant recent scholarship in the
flagship journals published by the AHA and OAH:

The American Historical Review
The Journal of American History

Students interested in American intellectual history, may wish to
familiarize themselves with the following:

Journals: Modern Intellectual History
Journal of the History of Ideas (blog at
<https://jhiblog.org>)
Journal of the History of the Behavioral
Sciences American Literary History
Contributions to the History of Concepts

The Carryall (<https://thecarryall.org>)

Professional Organizations: Society for U.S. Intellectual History
<https://s-usih.org>

African-American Intellectual History Society
<https://www.aaihs.org>

American

Society for the Advancement of

Philosophy (SAAP)
<https://american-philosophy.org>

Synthetic Overviews

Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, The Ideas that Made America: A Brief History

Daniel Wickberg, A History of American Thought 1860-2000

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates

Week I

Tuesday January 20

Sarah Igo, "Toward a Free-Range Intellectual History"; Angus Burgin, "*New Directions*, Then and Now," both in Joel Isaac et al., eds. The Worlds of American Intellectual History, pp. 324-364; Brandon Byrd, "The Rise of African-American Intellectual History," Modern Intellectual History 18.3 (September 2021): 833-864

Recommended Reading

John Higham and Paul Conkin, eds., New Directions in American Intellectual History

Joel Isaac et al., eds., The Worlds of American Intellectual History

Andrew Hartman and Ray Haberski, eds., American Labyrinth: Intellectual History for Complicated Times

"Forum: The Present and Future of American Intellectual History," Modern Intellectual History 9 (April 2012): 149-248

Darren McMahan and Samuel Moyn, eds., Rethinking Modern European Intellectual History

Daniel Wickberg, "Intellectual History vs. the Social History of Intellectuals," Rethinking History 5.3 (2001)
Daniel Wickberg, "In the Environment of Ideas: Arthur Lovejoy and the History of Ideas as a Form of Cultural History," Modern Intellectual History 11.2 (August 2014)
Allan Megill, Historical Knowledge, Historical Error: A Contemporary Guide to Practice
Sarah Maza, Thinking About History

Week II Tuesday January 27

David Hall, The Puritans: A Transatlantic History

Recommended Reading:

Perry Miller, Errand Into the Wilderness

Perry Miller, The New England Mind: The Seventeenth Century

Sacvan Bercovitch, The American Jeremiad

Theodore Dwight Bozeman, To Live Ancient Lives: The Primitivist Dimension in Puritanism

Sarah Rivett, The Science of the Soul in Colonial New England

Alan Simpson, Puritanism in Old and New England

David Hall, Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England

Carla Gardina Pestana, Protestant Empire: Religion and the Making of the British Atlantic World

George Marsden, Jonathan Edwards: A Life

Norman Fiering, Moral Philosophy at Seventeenth-Century Harvard

Stephen Foster, The Long Argument: English Puritanism and the Shaping of New England Culture, 1570-1700

David F. Holland, Sacred Borders: Continuing Revelations and Canonical Restraint in Early America

Mark Peterson, The Price of Redemption: The Spiritual Economy of Puritan New England

Douglas Winiarski, Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth-Century New England

Week III Tuesday February 3

Claire Rydell Arcenas, America's Philosopher: John Locke in American Intellectual Life

Daniel Wickberg, "Better to Receive Than to Give," Modern Intellectual History 20.4 (December 2023): 1297-1305

Recommended Reading:

Caroline Winterer, American Enlightenments

Caroline Winterer, How the New World Became Old: The Deep Time Revolution in America

Henry F. May, The Enlightenment in America

Robert Ferguson, The American Enlightenment, 1750-

1820

Donald Meyer, The Democratic Enlightenment

Bernard Bailyn, Ideological Origins of the American Revolution

Gordon Wood, The Creation of the American Republic

Joyce Appleby, Republicanism and Liberalism in the Historical Imagination

Eric Slauter, The State as a Work of Art: The Cultural Origins of the Constitution

Jack Rakove, Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution

Daniel Rodgers, "Republicanism: the Career of a Concept," Journal of American History 79.1 (June 1992): 11-38

Eran Shalev, Rome Reborn on Western Shores: Historical Imagination and the Creation of the American Republic

James Kloppenberg, Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought

Susan Scott Parish, American Curiosity: Cultures of Natural History in the Colonial British Atlantic World

Michael Meranze, Laboratories of Virtue: Punishment, Revolution, and Authority in Philadelphia, 1760-1835

Sarah Knott, Sensibility and the American Revolution

David Armitage, The Declaration of Independence: A Global History

Morton White, Philosophy, *The Federalist*, and the Constitution

Richard Sher, The Enlightenment and the Book: Scottish Authors and Their Publishers in Eighteenth-Century Britain, Ireland, and America

Jonathan Israel, Democratic Enlightenment: Philosophy, Revolution, and Human Rights 1750-1790

Ruth Bloch, Visionary Republic: Millennial Themes in American Thought 1756-1800

Robert G. Parkinson, The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution

David Sehat, The Myth of American Religious Freedom

Jon Butler, Awash in a Sea of Faith: Christianizing the American People

Nathan Hatch, The Democratization of American Christianity
David Waldstreicher, The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley: A Poet's Journeys Through American Slavery and Independence
Seth Cotlar, Tom Paine's America: The Rise and Fall of Transatlantic Radicalism in the Early Republic
Eric Slaughter, The State as a Work of Art: The Cultural Origins of the Constitution

Week IV Tuesday February 10

Robert Abzug, Cosmos Crumbling
John L. Thomas, "Romantic Reform in America, 1815-1865," American Quarterly 17 (1965): 656-81

Recommended Reading

Peter Wirzbiki, Fighting for the Higher Law: Black and White Transcendentalists Against Slavery
Philip Gura, American Transcendentalism
Barbara L. Packer, The Transcendentalists
Steven Mintz, Moralists and Modernizers: American Pre-Civil War Reformers
Jordan T. Watkins, Slavery and Sacred Texts: The Bible, the Constitution, and Historical Consciousness in Antebellum America
Daniel Walker Howe, The Political Culture of the

American Whigs

Daniel Walker Howe, The Unitarian Conscience: Harvard Moral Philosophy 1805-1861

Charles Capper, Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic

Life

Charles Capper, "'A Little Beyond': The Problem of the Transcendentalist Movement in American History," Journal of American History 85.2 (September 1998): 502-539

Michael O'Brien, Conjectures of Order: Intellectual Life and the American South, 1810-1860

Robert S. Cox, Body and Soul: A Sympathetic History of American Spiritualism

Christopher Grasso, Skepticism and American Faith: From the Revolution to the Civil War

Eric Schlereth, *An Age of Infidels: The Politics of Religious Controversy in the Early United States*

Catherine Albanese, *A Republic of Mind and Spirit: A Cultural History of American Metaphysical Religion*

Caleb McDaniel, *The Problem of Democracy in the Age of*

Slavery

David Blight, *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*

Waldo E. Martin, *The Mind of Frederick Douglass*

Ethan Kytle, *Romantic Reformers and the Antislavery Struggle in the Civil War Era*

Drew Gilpin Faust, *A Sacred Circle: The Dilemma of the*

Intellectual in

the Old South, 1840-1860

George Frederickson, *The Inner Civil War: Northern*

Intellectuals and

the Crisis of the Union

Larry Tise, *Proslavery: A History of the Defense of Slavery in America*

Mark Noll, *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis*

Harry Jaffa, *Crisis in the House Divided*

Eugene Genovese and Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, *The Mind*

of the

Masterclass

David Brian Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of*

Revolution

David Brion Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of*

Emancipation

Thomas Bender, ed., *The Antislavery Debate*

Manisha Sinha, *The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition*

Ronald Walters, *The Antislavery Appeal: American*

Abolition After

1830

Bruce Dain, *A Hideous Monster of the Mind: American Race Theory in the Early Republic*

Nicholas Guyatt, *Bind Us Apart: How Enlightened Americans Invented Racial Segregation*

John Stauffer, *The Black Hearts of Men: Radical Abolitionists and the Transformation of Race*

Jonathan Levy, *Freaks of Fortune: The Emerging World of Capitalism and Risk in America*

Jean-Christophe Agnew, *Worlds Apart: the Market and the Theater in Anglo-American Thought 1550-1750*

Mary Poovey, *A History of the Modern Fact: Problems of Knowledge in the Sciences of Wealth and Society*

Joyce Appleby, *The Relentless Revolution: A History of Capitalism*

Albert Hirschman, The Passions and the Interests: Political Arguments for Capitalism Before its Triumph
Michael Zakim and Gary Kornbluth, eds., Capitalism Takes Command
Michael Zakim, Accounting for Capitalism: The World the Clerk Made
Jeffrey Sklansky, "The Elusive Sovereign: New Intellectual and Social Histories of Capitalism," Modern Intellectual History 9.1 (April 2012): 233-48

Week V Tuesday February 17

Leslie Butler, Consistent Democracy: The "Woman Question" and Self-Government in Nineteenth-Century America

Sophie Smith, "Women and Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century, Part One: Rethinking the 'Origins' of U.S. Intellectual History," Journal of the History of Ideas 85.3 (July 2024): 425-454

Sophie Smith, "Women and Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century, Part Two: Activists, Academics, and the Future," Journal of the History of Ideas 85.4 (October 2024): 633-679

Recommended Reading:

Kimberly Hamlin, From Eve to Evolution: Darwin, Science, and Women's Rights in Gilded Age America

Ruth Bloch, Gender and Morality in Anglo-American Culture, 1650-1800

Mary Kelley, Learning to Stand and Speak: Women, Education, and Public Life

Linda Kerber, Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America

Sheila Skemp, First Lady of Letters: Judith Sargent Murray and the Struggle for Female Independence

Caroline Winterer, The Mirror of Antiquity: American Women and the Classical Tradition, 1750-1900

Lisa Tetrault, The Myth of Seneca Falls

Nancy Isenberg, Sex and Citizenship in Antebellum

America

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America

William Leach, True Love and Perfect Union: The Feminist Reform of Sex and Society
Jean Fagan Yellin, Women and Sisters: Antislavery Feminists in American Culture
Ellen Carol DuBois and Richard Candida Smith, eds.,
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Feminist as Thinker
Kathryn Kish Sklar, Catherine Beecher: A Study in American Domesticity
Linda Kerber, "Separate Spheres, Female Worlds, Woman's Place: The Rhetoric of Women's History," Journal of American History 75.1 (June 1988), pp. 9-39

Week VI Tuesday February 24

Keidrick Roy, American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism

Recommended Reading

David Blight, Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory

Amy Dru Stanley, From Bondage to Contract: Wage Labor, Marriage, and the Market in the Age of Slave Emancipation

Paul Gilroy, The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double-Consciousness

Anthony Appiah, Lines of Descent: W.E.B. DuBois and the Emergence of Identity

Shamoon Zamir, Dark Voices: W.E.B. Du Bois and American Thought, 1888-1903

Christopher Cameron, Black Freethinkers: A History of African American Secularism

Mia Bay, The White Image in the Black Mind: African-American Ideas About White People, 1830-1925

Mia Bay et al., eds. Toward an Intellectual History of

Black Women

Keisha Blain, Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom

Sterling Stuckey, Slave Culture: Nationalist Theory and the Foundations of Black America

Jonathan Scott Holloway, Confronting the Veil: Abram Harris Jr., E. Franklin Frazier, and Ralph Bunche, 1919-1941

Nikhil Singh, Black is a Country: Race and the Unfinished Struggle for

Democracy

Cedric Robinson, Black Marxism: the Making of the Black Radical

Tradition

Nico Slate, Colored Cosmopolitanism: The Shared Struggle for Freedom in the United States and India

Ibram X. Kendi, Stamped from the Beginning

George Fredrickson, The Black Image in the White Mind: The Debate on Afro-American Character and Destiny,

1817-1914

Winthrop Jordan, White Over Black: American Attitudes Toward the Negro 1550-1812

Bruce Dain, A Hideous Monster of the Mind: American Race Theory in the Early Republic

Nell Irvin Painter, A History of White People

Matthew Frye Jacobson, Whiteness of a Different Color

Thomas Gossett, Race: The History of an Idea in America

Mia Bay, The White Image in the Black Mind

Melvin L. Rogers, The Darkened Light: Race, Democracy, and Freedom in African American. Political Thought

Week VII Tuesday March 3

No reading. Book review due via E-learning.

Week VIII Tuesday March 10

Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, American Nietzsche

Recommended Reading

Louis Menand, The Metaphysical Club: A Story of Ideas in

America

James Livingston, Pragmatism and the Political Economy of Cultural Revolution

Jeffrey Sklansky, The Soul's Economy: Market Society and Selfhood in

American Thought, 1820-1920

Morton White, Social Thought in America: The Revolt Against Formalism

James Kloppenberg, Uncertain Victory: Social Democracy and Progressivism in European and American Thought, 1870-1920

Nancy Cott, The Grounding of Modern Feminism
Daniel Borus, American Multiplicity: American Thought and Culture 1900-1920
Leslie Butler, Critical Americans: Victorian Intellectuals and Transatlantic Liberal Reform
Francesca Bordogna, William James at the Boundary: Philosophy, Science, and the Geography of Knowledge

Jackson Lears, No Place of Grace: Antimodernism and the Transformation of American Culture 1880-1920
Mari Jo Buhle, Feminism and Its Discontents: A Century of Struggle with Psychoanalysis
Rosalind Rosenberg, Beyond Separate Spheres: Intellectual Roots of Modern Feminism
Andrew Hartman, Karl Marx in America

SPRING BREAK

Week IX Tuesday March 24
Sara Igo, The Known Citizen

Recommended Reading:
Warren Susman, Culture as History: The Transformation of American Society in the Twentieth Century
James Turner, Without God, Without Creed: The Origins of Unbelief in America
Fred Turner, The Democratic Surround: Multimedia and American Liberalism from World War II to the Psychedelic Sixties
Edward Purcell, The Crisis of Democratic Theory: Scientific Naturalism and the Problem of Value
Sarah Igo, The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens, and the Making of a Mass Public
Joan Shelley Rubin, The Making of Middlebrow Culture
Rochelle Gurstein, The Repeal of Reticence: A History of America's Cultural and Legal Struggles over Free Speech, Obscenity, Sexual Liberation, and Modern Art
Edward de Grazia, Girls Lean Back Everywhere: The Law of Obscenity and the Assault on Genius
Elizabeth Lunbeck, The Americanization of Narcissism
Richard King, Race, Culture, and the Intellectuals
Elazar Barkan, The Retreat of Scientific Racism
Richard Handler, Critics Against Culture: Anthropological Observers of Mass Society

George Stocking, Jr., Race, Culture, and Evolution: Essays in the History of Anthropology
Mark Anderson, From Boas to Black Power

Week X Tuesday March 31
Kunal M. Parker, The Turn to Process: American Legal, Political, and Economic Thought, 1870-1970

Recommended Reading
Louis Menand, The Free World: Art and Thought in the

Cold War

Richard King, Arendt and America
Andrew Jewett, Science, Democracy, and the American

University

Julie Reuben, The Making of the Modern University: Intellectual Transformation and the Marginalization of Morality

Dorothy Ross, The Origins of American Social Science

James Turner, Philology: The Forgotten Origins of the Humanities

David Hollinger, In the American Province

Jamie Cohen-Cole, The Open Mind: Cold War Politics and the Sciences of Human Nature

Hunter Heyck, Age of System: Understanding the Development of Modern Social Science

Daniel Geary, Radical Ambition: C. Wright Mills, the Left, and American Social Thought

Richard Pells, Radical Visions and American Dreams: Culture and Social Thought in the Depression Years

Richard Pells, The Liberal Mind in a Conservative Age: American Intellectuals in the 1940s and 1950s

Michael Kimmage, The Conservative Turn: Lionel Trilling, Whittaker Chambers, and the Lessons of Anti-Communism

Robert Westbrook, John Dewey and American Democracy

Joel Isaac, Working Knowledge: Making the Human Sciences from Parsons to Kuhn

Wendy Wall, Inventing the "American Way": The Politics of Consensus from the New Deal to the Civil Rights Movement

George Cotkin, Existential America

Robert Genter, Late Modernism: Art, Culture, and Politics in Cold War America

Jason Stevens, God-Fearing and Free: A Spiritual History of America's Cold War

Neil Jumonville, Critical Crossings: The New York Intellectuals in Postwar America
David Brown, Richard Hofstadter: An Intellectual

Biography

Martin Woessner, Heidegger in America

Week XI Tuesday April 7

Learning No class meeting: Final paper proposals due via E-

Week XII Tuesday April 14

Jonathan Strassfeld, Inventing Philosophy's Other: Phenomenology in America

Recommended Reading

Jennifer Burns, Goddess of the Market: Ayn Rand and the American Right

Anne Kornhauser, Debating the American State: Liberal Anxieties and the New Leviathan

Nils Gilman, Mandarins of the Future: Modernization Theory in Cold War America

Daniel Immerwahr, Thinking Small: the United States and the Lure of Community Development

Michael Latham, Modernization as Ideology: American Social Science and "Nation Building" in the Kennedy Era

Alice O'Connor, Poverty Knowledge: Social Science, Social Policy, and the Poor in Twentieth-Century U.S. History

Angus Burgin, The Great Persuasion: Reinventing Free Markets since the Depression

Howard Brick, Transcending Capitalism

Eugene Mccarraher, The Enchantments of Mammon: How Capitalism Became the Religion of Modernity

Bruce Kuklick, Fascism Comes to America: A Century of Obsession in Politics and Culture

Glory Liu, Adam Smith's America: How A Scottish Philosopher Became an Icon of American Capitalism

Drew Maciag, Edmund Burke in America: The Contested Carrer of the Father of Modern Conservatism

George Nash, The Conservative Intellectual Movement in

America

Sheyda F,A. Jahanbani, The Poverty of the World: Rediscovering the Poor at Home and Abroad, 1941-1968

Jennifer Burns, Milton Friedman: The Last Conservative

Aaron Sachs, Up from the Depths: Herman Melville, Lewis Mumford, and Rediscovery in Dark Times

Week XIII Tuesday April 21

Andrew Hartman, [A War for the Soul of America: A History of the Culture Wars](#)

Recommended Reading

Kerwin Klein, [From History to Theory](#)

Jane Gerhard, [Desiring Revolution: Second-wave Feminism and the Rewriting of American Sexual Thought, 1920 to 1982](#)

George Cotkin, [Feast of Excess: A Cultural History of the New Sensibility](#)

David Hoeveler, [The Postmodern Turn: American Thought and Culture in the 1970s](#)

Gregory Jones-Katz, [Deconstruction: An American](#)

Institution

Week XIV Tuesday April 28

Daniel Rodgers, [Age of Fracture](#)

Dorothy Ross, "Whatever Happened to The Social in American Social Thought? Part I," [Modern Intellectual History](#) 18.4 (December 2021): 1155-77

Dorothy Ross, "Whatever Happened to the Social in American Social Thought? Part II," [Modern Intellectual History](#) 19.1 (March 2022): 268-96.

Recommended Reading

James Kloppenberg, [Reading Obama: Dreams, Hope, and the American Political Tradition](#)

Samuel Moyn, [The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History](#)

James Livingston, [A World Turned Inside Out: American Thought and Culture at the End of the Twentieth Century](#)

Fred Turner, [From Counterculture to Cyberculture:](#)

[Stewart Brand, the Whole Earth Network, and the Rise of Digital Utopianism](#)

Molly Worthen, [Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism](#)

Lilian Calles Barger, [The World Come of Age: An Intellectual History of Liberation Theology](#)

Anthony Chaney, [Runaway: Gregory Bateson, the Double Bind, and the Rise of Ecological Consciousness](#)

Daniel Belgrad, The Culture of Feedback
Michael Brown, Hope and Scorn: Eggheads, Experts, and Elites in American Politics
Antti Lepisto, The Rise of Common-Sense Conservatism: The American Right and the Reinvention of the Scottish Enlightenment

Week XV Tuesday May 5
Conclusion.

Friday May 15
PAPERS DUE @ 1:00 pm via E-Learning

Grading Policy

Grades will be based on class participation, one book review, one oral presentation and a historiography paper of 15-20 pages. Grades will be determined on the following basis:

Participation	40%
Book Review	10%
Oral Presentation	10%
Term Paper	40%

Course Policies

Late Work

It is extremely important that students complete all assigned readings for the discussion dates set in the syllabus. Please make every effort to meet course deadlines. Deadlines for the book review, paper proposal, and final paper are firm.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory. If you are unable to come to class for reasons of illness, religious holiday, or personal emergency, please let me know. Other absences are not permitted.

Classroom Citizenship

This is a discussion class. Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the reading. Lateness is disruptive, so please make every effort to be on time. Give fellow students and the instructor the courtesy of listening to their ideas. Disagreement and argument are the lifeblood of intellectual work and are encouraged, but please avoid personal remarks and rudeness. My aim is to make all students comfortable and willing to discuss their ideas, but also to

challenge students to develop their ideas or defend their claims. Please do not take such challenges personally.

Please consult university policy for information about educational matters and regulations not discussed here. This class will be conducted according to university policies.

University Policy

<http://provost.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies/>