

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) 2003
AS 201-6N / HY 290-6N
Southern Society:
Law, Literature and Film
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Office Hours: By appointment or after class

Class Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:30-9:40 p.m. 238H, Education Building, ETS

Examinations: Mid-term, Tuesday, July 1, 2003 - First part of class

Final, Tuesday, August 5, 2003

Required Texts:

The South: In the History of the Nation, Volume One: Through Reconstruction
The South: In the History of the Nation, Volume Two: From Reconstruction
The Oxford Book of the American South: Testimony, Memory, and Fiction

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to review, analyze and discuss the prevailing perceptions/themes of Southern Society, both historical and contemporary.

Important Dates:

Classes Begin	June 2
Registration After Classes Begin	June 2 - 10
Financial Aid Disbursement	June 4
Last Day to Drop w/o Paying Tuition and Fees	June 9
Last Day to Add a Class	June 10
1st Payment Deadline	June 11
Independence Day -No Classes	July 4 - 5
Last Day to Withdraw with a "W"	July 14
Final Payment Deadline	July 14
Classes End	Aug. 4

Grades:

Attendance - 20% roll taken twice per meeting
Mid-term examination - 40%
Final examination - 40%

Class Schedule:

June 3 - **Introduction and Background** to course, hand out syllabus, lecture on objectivity in history.

Exercises in class perception of Southern Society over various historical eras

Through the Looking Glass:

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 1

1, Cultures in Conflict, pp. 1-22

4, Prosperity and the Planter Elite, pp. 62-80

8, The New Republic, The Americanization of New Orleans, pp. 148-172

9, The Age of Jackson - The Removal of the Cherokees, pp. 173-195

Movie:

O Brother, Where Art Thou

June 10 - **Religion**

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 1

2, Religion and the Founding of Maryland, pp. 23-39

The South, Vol. 2

8, Fundamentalism and the Scopes Trial, pp. 146-165

Oxford,

The Decline and Fall of the Episcopal Church (in the Year of Our Lord 1952), pp. 557-576

Salvation on Sand Mountain, pp. 577-587

Movie:

Inherit the Wind

Fletch Lives

June 17 **Agrarian/Industry**

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 2

3, The Gilded Age, The Farmers' Alliance and Populism, pp. 45-67

5, The Age of Industrialism: from the Farm to Mill, pp. 92-110

Oxford,

from I'll Take My Stand, pp. 263-269

Boomtown, pp. 270-277

Death of a Traveling Salesman, pp. 306-317

from Let Us Now Praise Famous Men, pp. 329-334

Movie:

Great Depression Series

Sharecroppers and Mill Villages

June 24 - Race

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 2

1, Reconstruction: Black Freedom and the Ku Klux Klan, pp. 1-25

4, The 1890s: Race Crisis in the New South, pp. 68-91

10, World War II: The War that Brought Down Old Dixie, pp. 195-217

12, The Civil Rights Movement, Murder In Mississippi, pp. 233-258

Oxford,

from Black Boy, pp. 335-353

from Invisible Man, pp. 354-366

from Killers of the Dream, pp. 437-446

"Letter from the Birmingham Jail", pp. 447-461

"Everything that Rises Must Converge" pp. 462-475

from The last Gentleman, pp. 476-486

from North toward Home pp. 487-491

Movie:

4 Little Girls

To Kill a Mockingbird

Driving Miss Daisy

Birth of a Nation

July 1 Mid-term examination first part of class, then continue **Race**

July 8 - Gender/Women

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 1

14, 52, A Young Woman in Occupied New Orleans, pp. 293-299

The South, Vol. 2

6, The Progressive Era: Women's Suffrage and the Progressive South, pp. 111-131

Oxford,

from Incidents in the Life of A Slave Girl, pp. 50-64

from Dessa Rose, pp. 101-109

from Desiree's Baby, pp. 218-222

from Meridian, pp. 517-522

Movie:

A Confederate Lady Comes of Age

Norma Rae

July 15 - Slavery

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 1

- 3, The Creation of the American Republic: Slavery and the Constitution, pp. 125-147
- 10, Antebellum Reform: religion and Morality in the Debate Over Slavery, pp. 196-220
- 12, The Slave South, The Case of Jordan Hatcher, pp. 242-258

Oxford,

- from The Confessions of Nat turner, pp. 23-27
- from narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglas, pp. 37-45
- from The Confessions of Nat turner, pp. 90-100
- "Letter to the Union Convention, 1865" pp. 194-199

Movie:

Uncle Toms Cabin
Black Sugar

July 22 Greed/Politics/Old South/New South/HealthSouth??

Text Reading:

The South, Vol. 2

- 9, The Great Depression: The New Deal and The New South, pp. 166-194
- 14, The 1970s: The ERA and The Rise of the Pro-Family Movement, pp. 285-307
- 15, Contemporary America: The New Immigration in South Florida, pp. 308-327

Oxford,

Mississippi: An American Journey, pp 589-592
Handouts in the prior class

Movie:

Huey Long
All the King's Men
Deliverance
Video excerpts Enron, HealthSouth and Worldcom

Review for Final Examination

July 29 - no class (study for Final examination)

August 5 - **Final Exam**

*****NOTICE*****

The Professor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as deemed necessary throughout the course of the semester.