Course Description

This course surveys Montana history from the time of first inhabitants to the present. Lectures will provide an outline of Montana history, focusing on major social, political, and economic developments. Course readings will provide interesting and revealing accounts of Plains Indian life during the nineteenth century, mining and industrialization, rural life, and Montana’s changing landscape.

Course Objectives

1. Provide you with a broad outline of Montana history from the earliest human settlement to the present.
2. Provide an in-depth understanding of several critical aspects of Montana history: Indian cultures and contacts between Montana Indians and non-Indians, mining and industrial development, homesteading and rural life, and the state’s environment and landscape.
3. Develop your intellectual skills—especially your ability to read critically, think analytically, and write clearly.

Readings

Copies of the following books are available at the bookstore. They are required texts for the course.

James Welch, *Fools Crow*
Michael Punke, *Fire and Brimstone: The North Butte Mining Disaster of 1917*
Nedra Sterry, *When the Meadowlark Sings: The Story of a Montana Family*
William Wyckoff, *On the Road Again: Montana’s Changing Landscape*

Assignments and Grading

The grading for this course will be based on three sets of in-class exams and one short analytical paper. The exams will test your mastery of the content covered in the course and your ability to read critically, think analytically, and write clearly.

Exam #1: Wed, Sep. 28 and Fri, Sep. 30
Exam #2: Fri, Oct. 28 and Mon, Oct 31
Exam #3: Mon, Dec. 12 @ 8:00 am
Paper: Due in class on Friday, December 9
*Make-up exams will only be given in the cases of documented medical emergencies (as distinguished from having a cold), documented family emergencies, and for participation in University activities.

Your final grade will be the weighted average of your individual grades for the three sets of exams. Final letter grades are figured at 90% = A, 80% = B, 70% = C, 60% = D. The dividing line for +s is _7% and _3% for -s. You must take this course for a grade. Grades will be weighted as follows:

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Academic Honesty

Cheating will not be tolerated. The work you submit in this course must be your own. Cheating will result in a failing grade for the course.

Add/Drop Deadlines

The last day to add/drop by Cyberbear is September 19. The last day to add/drop with instructor and advisor signature is October 31. A WP or WF will appear on your transcript for courses dropped after this date. December 9 is the last day to drop this class by petition.

DSS Accommodation

If you have a documented learning disability, please notify me well before the first exam so we can ensure you have suitable accommodation for the exams.

Course Schedule

Mon, Aug. 29: Course Introduction

Unit One: First Peoples and Pioneer Period (Read Welch, Fools Crow)

Wed, Aug. 31: First Peoples

Fri, Sep. 2: Montana Indian Tribes and Cultures

Mon, Sep. 5: No Class (Labor Day)

Wed, Sep. 7: Montana Indians during the “Century of Transformation”

Fri, Sep. 9: Lewis and Clark
Mon. Sep. 12: Fur Trade
Wed., Sep. 14: Montana Indians during the Fur Trade Era
Fri, Sep. 16: Mining Frontier
Mon. Sep. 19: Montana Becomes a Territory
Wed. Sep. 21: Dispossessing Montana Indians
Fri, Sep. 23: Cattle Kingdom
Mon. Sep. 26: Discuss *Fools Crow*
Wed. Sep. 28: Exam 1A on *Fools Crow*
Fri, Sep. 30: Exam 1B on Unit One Lectures

**Unit Two: Industrial Montana** (Read: Punke, *Fire and Brimstone*)

Mon, Oct. 3: Statehood
Wed, Oct. 5: Industrialization of Mining
Fri, Oct. 7: Immigrants and Cities
Mon, Oct. 10: Smoke Wars
Wed, Oct. 12: Clark-Daly Feud
Fri, Oct. 14: War of the Copper Kings
Mon, Oct. 17: Reforming Montana Politics: Populism and Progressivism
Wed, Oct. 19: Dawes Act and Indian Education
Fri, Oct. 21: Homestead Boom
Mon, Oct. 24: Montana and World War I
Wed, Oct. 26: Discuss *Fire and Brimstone*
Fri, Oct. 28: Exam 2A on *Fire and Brimstone*
Mon, Oct. 31: Exam 2B on Unit Two Lectures

Unit Three: Modern Montana (Read Sterry, *When the Meadowlark Sings* and Wyckoff, *On the Road Again*)

Wed, Nov. 2: Collapse of the Homestead Boom

Fri, Nov. 4: “Modern Times” in Montana

Mon, Nov. 7: Great Depression in Montana

Wed, Nov. 9: New Deal in Montana

Fri, Nov. 11: No class (Veteran’s Day)

Mon, Nov. 14: Montana and World War II

Wed, Nov. 16: Postwar Montana

Fri, Nov. 18: Discuss *When the Meadowlark Sings*

Mon, Nov. 21: 1972 Constitutional Convention

Wed, Nov. 23: No Class (Thanksgiving Break)

Fri, Nov. 25: No Class (Thanksgiving Break)

Mon, Nov. 28: Politics and Environmentalism in Montana

Wed, Nov. 30: Montana’s Changing Economy

Fri, Dec. 2: Montana Indians in Modern Times

Mon, Dec. 5: Berkeley Pit

Wed, Dec. 7: Contemporary Montana

Fri, Dec. 9: Course Conclusion

Final Exam: Mon, Dec. 12 @ 8:00 am