OHIO HISTORY (HY239)

History/Political Science
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3 Hours (Wednesday, 6:30-9:15 p.m.)
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COURSE GOAL
To review the history of Ohio and its place in the United States. Emphasis will be placed on social, cultural, intellectual, economic and political developments.

DISABILITY
If you have a documented learning difference/disability (and it is on file with Classroom Support Services), please notify me as soon as possible. Also, please notify Classroom Support Services that you are in this class so that whatever accommodations deemed appropriate can be made.

EVALUATION
There are two exams, two travel papers, and two book reviews (New Burlington and The Farm) required. The mid term is worth 100 points. The final exam is worth 150 points; the first 100 points cover the material from the class session after the mid term to the end of the semester, and the remaining 50 points is a more general question[s] covering the entire semester.

The two travel papers are each worth 50 points. Each student is expected to pick two places of historic interest to visit from the Ohio Triple A Tourbook. You may choose any of the historic sites listed in the Ohio section, and you may visit them alone or with others from the class (or anyone else you can con into going). The paper, however, must be your own; there will be no group papers accepted. The paper should focus on the site visited. What was there, why did you go, what did you see, what did you learn. You must address the historic significance of the place visited.

There are two 100 point reviews, one on New Burlington and one on The Farm. The student should address what each book is about and how it relates to Ohio and American society. The Farm is a novel about a family settling and growing up in Mansfield and environs in the nineteenth century. New Burlington reviews the life of a southern Ohio town condemned by the Army Corps of Engineers and flooded for a lake. The book involves a look at town life through the eyes of the last inhabitants. For both of the reviews you can consider the following questions as guidelines: What makes the books readable; what worthwhile information did you learn; what would have made the book stronger. If you were teaching a course on Ohio history, how could you use these books in your class. To address the subjects adequately will probably take three to five pages per paper.
SCHEDULE:

First Travel Paper: February 6
Second Travel Paper: April 24
First Exam: February 27
Final Exam: May 8
Book Review 1: March 6
Book Review 2: April 10

There are an additional 50 points for attendance and participation (it is not necessary to speak, but it is necessary to be "present"), for a total of 800 points.

Please note that there is often, although not always, a positive correlation between class attendance and "participation" and the student's ability to earn a better than average grade.

All papers must be word processed, double spaced. Papers are expected to be proof read and spell checked. Failure to follow these instructions will result in a lowered grade. All papers will be graded on content, grammar and style.
The grading scale is as follows:

A = 93% of 800 points
A- = 90% of 800 points
B+ = 87% of 800 points
B  = 83% of 800 points
B-  = 80% of 800 points
C+ = 77% of 800 points
C  = 73% of 800 points
C-  = 70% of 800 points
D+ = 67% of 800 points
D  = 63% of 800 points
D-  = 60% of 800 points
F  = less than 60% of 800 points

GRADING PHILOSOPHY:

A Range Grades demonstrating an ability to understand facts and interpretations relative to course material as well as the ability to synthesize this information within one's total education.
B Range Grades demonstrating an ability to understand facts and interpretations relative to course material.
C Range Grades demonstrating an ability to understand facts relative to course material
D Range Grades demonstrating a partial ability to understand facts relative to course material
F Range Unacceptable Work

TEXTS: New Burlington
Bromfield, The Farm
Triple A Tourbook for Ohio (on Reserve in Library)