

SoSc 4951

Senior Seminar

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-9:00 MWF and 1-2 MW, 3:30-4:00MW;9-11 TTh (others by appointment)

TEXTBOOK: No textbook is required. All review will be on web based sites and the NSU Blackboard server.

SEMESTER GRADES: Grades in this course are based on three factors: 1) reports submitted on chapter practice exercises (approximately 50% of the course grade) 2) A 200 point practice exam given based on the review material in the chapter practice exercises (approximately 30 % of the course grade) and 3) student scores on the OSAT tests, fields 17 [American History] and 18 [World History] (approximately 20 % of the course grade). The student’s OSAT scores (300 points is perfect on each exam) will be converted to express in terms of a percentage.

Students can earn maximum credit on practice exercises (5 points per chapter = a total of 610 points) by submitting reports with a score of 90% or better by the due date. Scores on practice exercises will be incrementally reduced for late submission or scores lower than 90 %. For each day a report is late, the score will be reduced by 1 point. For scores in the 80-89% range one point will be lost. Additional points will be lost for scores in the 70-79% or 60-69% range. Students may repeat the practice exercises to improve scores to the 90% or better level. **Note: Report (except for Oklahoma History) by printing and turning in only the page for a chapter showing your score. Print the chapter number on the page under your name.**

Careful and comprehensive study and review of the practice exercises (and for the American History and World History areas the Flash Cards) is a highly effective method of preparation for the Practice Exam given during the week of and the OSAT exams scheduled for April 23, 2005 (registration deadline is March 18, 2005).

The grading scale used to determine semester grades is: 90% or better of available total points = A; 80-89% = B; 70-79% = C; 60-69% = D; less than 60% = F.

SCHEDULE :Students are only required to meet with the instructor at the beginning of the semester to be given assignments and on the agreed date during the week of for the Practice Exam. Assignments listed must be submitted by the dates indicated for maximum possible points.

Date Due	Chapter(s)	Date Due	Chapter(s)
Aug 31	Am. Hist. Chaps 1-11	Oct 12	Okla. Hist. Chaps 13-16 & 17-21
Sept 7	Am. Hist. Chaps 12-22	Oct 19	Econ. Chaps 1-5, 7-8, 12-13, 15, 18, 37, 39-40
Sept 14	Am. Hist. Chaps 23-33	Oct 26	Govt. Chaps 1-18
Sept 21	W. Hist. Chaps 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 11-16	Nov 2	Geog. Chaps 1-13
Sept 28	W. Hist. Chaps 17, 19-22, 24-30	Nov 9	Practice Test
Oct 5	Okla. Hist. Chaps 1-4, 5-8, & 9-12	Nov 19	OSAT, fields 17 & 18

LOCATION OF REVIEW MATERIALS AND /OR PRACTICE EXERCISES:

American History: http://wps.ablongman.com/long_carnes_an_11/0,7137,250688-,00.html

World History: http://wps.ablongman.com/long_kishlansky_cw_5/0,6472,268320-,00.html

Oklahoma History: NSU Blackboard server

Economics: <http://www.mhhe.com/economics/mcconnell/student1/main.mhtml>

Government: http://wps.prenhall.com/hss_burns_government_20

Geography: http://wps.prenhall.com/esm_bergman_introgeo_2/0,5118,322253-,00.html

A copy of this syllabus is in the course folder for the course on the “I” drive under “davisbj” and on Blackboard along with a file containing links to these web sites.