

History 670/Spring 2008
Workshop in History

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TRUMAN AND THE COLD WAR

Course Description

Through reading, in-class discussion, and participation in the White House Decision Center program at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library, this 3 hour workshop will explore the historical context behind Truman's reaction to the Cold War in general and the 1948 Soviet Blockade of Berlin in specific.

Textbooks

➤ TBA

Field Trip to the Truman Presidential Library and Museum

Because this course was inspired by the White House Decision Center program at the Truman Presidential Library and Museum, a significant part of the course will be our field trip to Independence in order to visit the Truman landmarks and participate in the 1948 Soviet Blockade of Berlin scenario at the Library. The field trip is set for April 17 and 18 (we will overnight in Independence and return Friday afternoon late). In addition to participation in the program, I have arranged for additional "behind the scene" opportunities and tours of Truman landmarks. It is essential that you clear your calendar for these dates as they are essential to this class. For additional information regarding White House Decision Center see: <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whdc/>.

Grading

Your grade for this course will be based upon the following:

35% Participation and Attendance (of both class periods and the White House Decision Center at the Truman Presidential Library and Museum)

65% Workshop Journal

Course Policies

Students Needing Accommodations: If you are an individual requiring accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is your responsibility to notify the instructor immediately regarding any accommodations that you may require. Further information on the ADA can be found at: http://www.fhsu.edu/policies/directory/non_discrimination.html

Attendance: Your attendance is essential for this course. In particular you should arrange to be available for the April 17-18 field trip. Please rearrange your schedules now to ensure your attendance.

Late Exams and Assignments: Late assignments and exams are only accepted in the case of a verifiable illness or a family emergency (please note that your assignments cannot be late if you have a university or class activity—in these cases you must turn assignments or exams in early).

Email Communication: Students may be contacted via email for a variety of reasons in this course (announcements, absences, etc.) so it is important that you verify that the email address listed on Blackboard is the correct address (it is usually your ScatCat account). If you would prefer to use another email address you should change your address in Blackboard.

Academic Misconduct: The History Department adheres to Fort Hays State University's policy on academic honesty published in the Fort Hays State University handbook. Additionally, the Department of History also has adopted policies pertaining to academic violations. Continued enrollment after receipt of this syllabus signifies your understanding and acceptance of the definition and consequences of plagiarism and cheating. Please see the instructor if you are in any way uncertain of either the definition of these academic crimes and their consequences.

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