

Winthrop University
Department of History

History 505-001 CRN 13673: History of South Carolina

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Credits: 3 hours

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Scope of the Course

This upper level history course is an intensive exploration of our state's past. Beginning with an orientation to South Carolina History by Dr. Lee, we will visit the Louise Pettus Archives, where we will be introduced to a wide assortment of some of that repository's holdings. We will move rapidly from a review of the interaction of ethnic groups during the colonial period, to the settling of Charles Town and the Back Country, to the War For Independence, to South Carolina's antebellum heritage, to the Civil War, to Reconstruction, to the birth of Tillmanism and Bleasism, to the challenges of the Twentieth Century, and conclude with the present. Along the way, we will identify primary source materials and some of the wealth of secondary sources that will enhance our understanding of the state. These materials are located in various libraries, archives, and perhaps in your own attic. In History 505, we want to experience South Carolina in greater depth than we

have in more traditional courses. Thus, History 505 will help us understand who we are as a people, the events which have shaped us, and the forces that beckon on the horizon. A class schedule is attached.

The Instructor

Dr. Lee is past president of the South Carolina Historical Association and the Yorkville Historical Society. He serves on the State Archives Commission and the Review Board for the National Register of Historical Places. He received the State Historic Preservation Award from the governor for his successful efforts to save the York County Courthouse. He is the author of six books on our state's history, including South Carolina In The Civil War, John Gary Anderson And His Maverick Motor Company, and the award-winning history of his hometown, Yorkville To York. Frequently, he lectures, writes, and consults about South Carolina, appearing recently on National Public Radio's "Walter Edgar's Journal." You may reach him at 803-323-4844. Other contact information is found above. He wishes to be readily available throughout the summer. Use Dr. Lee as a resource as you delve into South Carolina's heritage.

Goals

In History 505, we will improve our ability to analyze and interpret historical data and to orally and in written form use this evidence to support our understanding of this data. Reading, writing, speaking, analytical, and research skills will be sharpened as we take a fresh look into South Carolina's past. All of our department's Student Learning Outcomes are achieved in History 505.

Attendance

Since this is an upper level course, all students are expected to promptly attend and actively participate in every class meeting. During our orientation session, the schedule will be discussed with you. Do not fall behind!

Requirements

We will research (using primary documents), write, and share three “Carolina Snapshots.” These are brief (4-5 typed pages each) papers that allow you, as the researcher, to sharply focus on an aspect, event, or person linked to a specific time frame. Instructions for these “Carolina Snapshots” are attached. Research the topic, write the paper, sprinkle in images, and present your findings with your classmates on the due date. The three “Carolina Snapshots” are arranged chronologically:

Snapshot 1 looks at South Carolina in the 1700s (due 9/26)

Snapshot 2 looks at South Carolina in the 1800s (due 10/31)

Snapshot 3 looks at South Carolina in the 1900s and 2000s (due 11/26)

Each “Carolina Snapshot” is worth 20% of the semester grade.

Additionally, you will read and review one book (fiction or non-fiction) that touches upon our state’s past or our distinctive culture. Book review instructions are attached and will be discussed during our orientation. Notify Dr. Lee of your book selection. This assignment is due 11/28 and worth 20% of your grade. A final essay exam, worth 20% of the semester grade, is scheduled for 12/10 at 11:30.

In History 505, we use a ten point grading scale (i.e., 90=A, 80=B). Late papers are not normally accepted. You are expected to adhere to Winthrop University’s code of academic integrity.

Students With Disabilities

Dr. Lee will certainly accommodate anyone with disabilities. Please contact the office of accommodations (Bancroft Annex, Third Floor), 323-3290, as soon as possible so that accommodations can be made.

History 505 Schedule

8/22 Orientation
8/24 Orientation Continues
8/27 Lecture by Dr. Lee, classroom
8/29 Louise Pettus Archives
9/3 Labor Day (no class)
9/26 Carolina Snapshot, 1700s
10/15 Fall Break
10/31 Carolina Snapshot, 1800s
11/26 Carolina Snapshot, 1900s-2000s
11/21 Thanksgiving Break
11/28 Book Review
12/3 Last Class Day
12/10 Final Exam, 11:30

Welcome To The History Of South Carolina!