

UC San Diego
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Fall

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TuTh 2:00pm-

HIUS 117, History of Los Angeles

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Course Description:

“This course examines the history of Los Angeles from the early nineteenth century to the present. Particular issues to be addressed include urbanization, ethnicity, politics, technological change, and cultural diversification.” (From the UCSD Catalog)

Required Reading (available at the campus bookstore):

John and LaRee Caughey. *Los Angeles: Biography of a City*, and supplemental documents.

Mike Davis. *City of Quartz: Excavating the Future in Los Angeles*.

Carey McWilliams. *Southern California: An Island on the Land*.

Book for review (available at Geisel Library).

Recommended Reading:

Jules R. Benjamin. *A Student's Guide to History*.

Leonard Pitt and Dale Pitt. *Los Angeles A to Z: An Encyclopedia of the City and County*.

Requirements:

Exam #1: 33% of course grade.

Exam #2: 33% of course grade.

Book Review: 33% of course grade.

You must take both exams and complete the book review in order to pass the class. You are allowed five absences for any reason (except on exam days, when a doctor's note is necessary). If you are absent more than five times, I will lower your course grade. You may review the university's

policy on academic integrity

here: <http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/ai-and-you.html>

Also, silence phones before class starts, and do not bring food.

Schedule:

Week 1--Thursday, Sept. 26: Course introduction.

Week 2--Read McWilliams, ch. 1-4; and Caughey documents.

Week 3--Read Davis, pp 16-46; McWilliams, ch. 5-8; and Caughey documents.

Thursday, Oct. 10: **Book choice due.**

Week 4--Read McWilliams, ch. 9-12; and Caughey documents.

Week 5--Read McWilliams, ch. 13-17; and Caughey documents.

Thursday, Oct. 24.

Week 6--Tuesday, Oct. 29: **Exam #1, Part I.**

Thursday, Oct. 31: **Exam #1, Part II.**

Week 7--Read Davis, Prologue, pp. 46-97; and Caughey documents.

Week 8--Read Davis, ch. 2-3; and Caughey documents.

Week 9--Read Davis, ch. 4-5; and Caughey documents.

Week 10--Read Davis, ch. 6-7; and supplemental documents.

Thursday, Nov. 28: **Thanksgiving Day (no class).**

Week 11--Read Davis, ch. 6-7; and supplemental documents.

Thursday, Dec. 5: **Book review due.**

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 3:00 pm: **Exam #2, Part I and Part II.**