History of Newark

Course Description
This course will examine the 350+ year history of the nation’s third oldest city, Newark NJ. Our goal will be to gain an understanding of both the critical events that shaped the city specifically, but also to engage in the narrative threads that define urban evolution in the United States more broadly. We will begin our story before the Puritans arrived and end it with an assessment of where we are today. This course is how Newark became Newark, and all the meanings that encompasses.

Learning Goals
Through class discussion, students will interact with the materials, the instructor, and their peers. In the process, they will practice both their public speaking skills, and learn how to engage critically with the arguments and evidence of the texts. Students will also regularly practice their writing skills in essay exams and papers. In both the written assignments and the class discussions, students will develop their analytical skills by identifying the course readings’ main theses, supporting arguments, evidence, assumptions, and rhetorical strategies.

Texts
- Brad Tuttle, How Newark Became Newark: The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of an American City (Rivergate, 2009).
  ISBN: 978-0813544908

The text is available through the library website for free

Blackboard
We’ll also be using the web-based Blackboard course software (http://blackboard.newark.rutgers.edu). I will post the syllabus and syllabus updates there, and I’ll also post course documents and assignments. Be sure that you have created a Net ID; you’ll need it to access the site.

Course Requirements
- Reading Quizzes (2 total) 15%
- Exam One 15%
- Exam Two 15%
- Primary Source Essay 15%
- Group Presentations 10%
- Short Essays 10%
Exams – Students will take two exams, one midway through the semester and one at the end of the semester. Exams will evaluate students’ understandings of course concepts. Exams are in essay format. Every student will be expected to provide detailed, complex responses that engage with course readings, primary sources, and lecture materials. Students will be evaluated primarily on the thoroughness of their responses and the clarity of the arguments.

Primary Source Essay – Students will produce one 4-6 page essay that engages with primary sources related to Newark’s history. Over the course of the semester, students will learn how to find, interpret, and connect primary sources to ideas covered in readings and lectures. These essays will give students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills as researchers and writers.

Short Essays – Students will be responsible for writing two short essays during the semester. These essays will ask students to engage with cultural events and activities around the city.

Reading Quizzes – Students will take four reading quizzes over the course of the semester. These will evaluate how well students have studied the assigned readings. The lowest of the four quizzes will be dropped.

Group Presentation – At semester’s end, student groups will make oral presentations on issues currently facing the city (e.g. gentrification, charter schools, policing, environmental justice). The professor and student peers will evaluate each group based on evident quality of research, visual style, and understanding of the issues.

Attendance
In addition to benefiting you as a student attendance is mandatory. Your course grade will be reduced by a half grade after four unexcused absences and a full grade after six unexcused absences. Any student who misses eight or more sessions through any combination of excused and unexcused absences will not earn credit in this class. Such students should withdraw to avoid getting an F. Attendance will be taken at the BEGINNING of each session, so please arrive by the scheduled time. Two late arrivals (15 minutes after the start of class) are considered an absence. Even if you are absent, you are responsible for all assignments. If you miss class due to illness or emergency, consult another (reliable) student or contact me. You are expected to come to the next class fully caught up on all reading and writing assignments. If you need to leave class early, you are expected to provide notification beforehand, or an explanation as soon as possible afterwards. Early departures will be counted the same as late arrivals.

Academic Integrity, Plagiarism, and Cheating
Integrity is fundamental to the academic enterprise. It is violated by such acts as borrowing or purchasing assignments (including but not limited to term papers, essays, and reports) and other written assignments, using concealed notes or crib sheets during examinations, copying the work of others and submitting it as one’s own, and misappropriating the knowledge of others. The sources from which one derives one’s ideas, statements, terms, and data, including Internet sources, must be fully and specifically acknowledged in the appropriate form; failure to do so, intentionally or unintentionally, constitutes plagiarism. Violations of academic integrity may result in a lower grade or failure in a course and in disciplinary actions with penalties such as suspension or dismissal from the College. The university's policy on academic integrity is available at:
http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy/

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“All on my honor, I have neither received nor given any unauthorized assistance on this examination assignment.”

Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance
Rutgers faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the university as a whole. If you have experienced any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available. Rutgers has staff members trained to support survivors in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. The University strongly encourages all students to report any such incidents to the University. Please be aware that all Rutgers employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as advocates, counselors, clergy and healthcare providers as listed in Appendix A to Policy 10.3.12) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the University. This means that if you tell a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment or sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the University’s Title IX Coordinator. If you wish to speak with a staff member who is confidential and does not have this reporting responsibility, you may contact the Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance at (973)-353-1918, or at run vpva@rutgers.edu. Learn more about the office here: http://counseling.newark.rutgers.edu/vpva

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process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at: https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form. For more information please the Office of Disability Services in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, in suite 219 or contact odsnewark@rutgers.edu.

**Course Schedule**

**Week 1**
SEPTEMBER 3
**WELCOME. INTRODUCTION TO THE CLASS**

SEPTEMBER 5
**NEWARK: PERCEPTIONS AND REALITY, DEFINING A CITY**
* “Newark Dangles 7 Billion Dollars in front of Amazon in Bid for HQ”
* “Celebration Of Newark's 350th Anniversary Will Be As Diverse As City's History, Future,” Jessica Mazzola, *Star-Ledger*, 2015

**Week 2**
SEPTEMBER 10
**FOUNDING NEWARK: THE EUROPEAN ARRIVAL**
+ Tuttle, pp. 1-24
* “Between Hope and Fear: A Legend of the First Lenape Encounter with Europeans”
* “The Bill of Sale of Land to the Founders, 1666”
* “Pilgrim and Indian” Statue, Washington Park (Image)
*”A Stand Against Irreverent Behavior, 1680”

SEPTEMBER 12
**REVOLUTION**
+ Walsh, “Illegal Trade in Revolutionary Essex”
* “A Meeting of Freeholders of the Township of Newark, 1775”
* “Petition of An Essex County Resident to the Committee of Safety,” 1777, New Jersey State Archives

**Week 3**
SEPTEMBER 17
**URBANIZATION AND TRANSPORTATION IN NEWARK**
+ Tuttle, pp. 24-end of Ch. 1
* “Independence Day Parade, 1821”
* “The Opening of the Morris Canal, 1830”
* 1806 Map (Image)

SEPTEMBER 19
**URBAN LIFE IN THE NEW CITY**
* “Apprentices” the *Newark Daily Advertiser*, 1839”
* “Impressions of Returning to Newark, 1834”
* “Germans Assaulted Indiscriminately: Ethnic Violence in Hoboken (1851)

**Week 4**
**SEPTEMBER 24**
**Newark in the Civil War,**
 +Tuttle, Ch. 2
* “Protesting Military Conscription, 1863”
* “Mourning President Lincoln’s Death, 1865”
* The Seated Lincoln (Image)

**SEPTEMBER 26**
**Comparing Newark, Paterson, and Jersey City**
Reading Quiz 1

**Week 5**
**OCTOBER 1**
**Problems of a Growing City: Public Health,**
 +Tuttle, Ch. 3
* “Typhoid Outbreak attributed to Street Paving, 1896”
* “A Report of the Board of Trade, 1903”

**OCTOBER 3**
**Suburban Expansion**
* “A Vote for Running Streetcars on Sundays, 1869”
* Excerpts from the Dillingham Commission Reports, 1910-1911
* “Anarchists in a Labor Day Parade, 1893”

**Week 6**
**OCTOBER 8**
**Newark at 250**
 +Tuttle, Ch. 4
* “The Annual Message of Mayor Haussling, 1907”
* “Housing Report to the City Plan Commission, 1913”
* Historic Homes, Ironbound (Image)

**OCTOBER 10**
**Overview of Primary Source Essay**
**Group Project Groups**
Week 7
OCTOBER 15
FIRST EXAM

OCTOBER 17
Walking Tour

Week 8
OCTOBER 22
GREAT MIGRATION AND GREAT DEPRESSION
+Clement R. Price, “The Beleaguered City as Promised Land”
* “Cotton Pickers in Northern Counties” Survey, Helen Pendleton, 1917
* “Strike-breaker or Color Barrier Breaker? Race and the Labor Movement, 1923”
* “Away from the Democratic Ideal: Segregation in the Schools”

OCTOBER 24
NEWARK AND POST-WAR NEW JERSEY: WHITE FLIGHT AND THE SUBURBS
+Tuttle, Ch. 5
*Mapping Inequality
* “A Newark Exposition, 1956”
* Philip Roth, Goodbye, Columbus, excerpt
* Curtis Lucas, Newark, Third Ward, excerpt

Week 9
OCTOBER 29
URBAN RENEWAL
Quiz 2
* “A Redevelopment Project in the Central Ward, 1965”
* “Colonnade Park’s Fifth Anniversary, 1965”
* Newark, Redlining Map (Image)
* Christopher Columbus Homes (Image)

OCTOBER 31
RIOT OR REBELLION?
+Tuttle, Ch. 6
*Palumbo, No Cause for Indictment (excerpts)
* Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of Newark’s Founding, 1966”
* “Rioting, 1967”

Week 10
NOVEMBER 5
EXPLORING INTERPRETATIONS OF 1967
* “The Governor’s Commission on Civil Disorder, 1968”
* Revolution 67’ (Film)

NOVEMBER 7
NEWARK IN THE 1970S
+Tuttle, Ch. 7
* “Recalling the 1967 Plainfield Riots,” My Central Jersey
* “The Inauguration of Mayor Gibson, 1970”

Week 11
NOVEMBER 12
THE WORST CITY IN AMERICA?
* “Pressure by Puerto Ricans to Improve their Lot, 1969”
* Gateway Center Buildings (Image)

NOVEMBER 14
RENAISSANCE? SHARPE JAMES AND NEWARK IN THE 1980s AND 1990s
+Tuttle, Ch. 8
* NJPAC (Image)

Week 12
NOVEMBER 19
THE DIVERSE CITY
-Tour of Queer Newark Oral History Project exhibit, Conklin Hall

NOVEMBER 21
COREY BOOKER AND NEWARK IN THE NEW CENTURY
+Tuttle, Ch. 9, Ch. 10
* “How Newark became a hotbed of cookie-cutter, multifamily housing,” Ian T. Shearn, The Star Ledger, December 12, 2005
* “The Box & Beyond” Newark City Planning Commission
* “The Battle of Newark, Starring Cory Booker,” Raab, Scott, Esquire, 2008
* Cory Booker’s Response to Esquire, 2008
* The Prudential Center (Image)

NOVEMBER 26
SECOND EXAM
Week 13
DECEMBER 3
Oral Presentations

DECEMBER 5
Oral Presentations
PRIMARY SOURCE ESSAY DUE

DECEMBER 10
Remaining presentations, semester wrap-up

FINAL PAPERS DUE
Tuesday December 17, by 11:59 PM