

History of Higher Education – Fall 2025

Class Schedule

Readings from the main texts are listed for each day. The schedule is subject to change.

- [A History of American Higher Education](#) is available at the Bookstore and on reserve at the Library. [Essential Documents](#) is also available on reserve.
- [Invisible No More](#) is [available online](#).
- Other readings are linked.
- Supplemental reading: <http://www.americanyawp.com/>
- [Folder with resources about the history of the USC College of Education](#)

Date	Topics, Readings, and Assignments
August 19	Introductions, Overview of Course
August 26	Thinking Historically, Historical Methods • <i>A History</i> – Preface & Introduction • <i>Invisible No More</i> – Foreword • Geiger – “Ten Generations of Higher Education” • Due: Exhibit Critiques • Visit to South Caroliniana Library with Elizabeth West, University Archivist
September 2	European Roots and Colonial Colleges • <i>A History</i> – chapter 1 • Guest: Evan Faulkenberry, University Historian (see his TED Talk)
September 9	Creating the “American Way” in Higher Education: College-Building, 1785 to 1860 • <i>A History</i> – chapter 2 • <i>Invisible No More</i> – chapter 1 • Quiz #1
September 16	Diversity and Adversity: Resilience in American Higher Education, 1860 to 1890 • <i>A History</i> – chapter 3 • Quiz #2 • Visit to McKissick Museum with Mark Smith, Curator
September 23	Education during Reconstruction • <i>Invisible No More</i> – chapters 2 – 5

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	Suggested reading: Chapter on Henry Hayne from Accident of Color
September 30	Captains of Industry and Erudition: University-Builders, 1880 to 1910 <i>A History</i> – chapter 4 - Weekly Experts, Group 1 (Ashleigh, Rachel) - Event for 70th Anniversary of Travelstead Speech
October 7	Alma Mater: America Goes to College, 1890 to 1920 <i>A History</i> – chapter 5 - Weekly Experts, - Weekly Experts, Group 2 (Emery, Anna, Nicola)
October 14	Success and Excess: Expansion and Reforms in American Higher Education, 1920 to 1945 <i>A History</i> – chapter 6 - Weekly Experts, Group 3 (Trenton, Cayman, Aidan)
October 21	Gilt by Association: Higher Education’s “Golden Age,” 1945 to 1970 <i>A History</i> – chapter 7 - Weekly Experts, Group 4 (Kathryn, Makayla, Abby)
October 28	Coming of Age in America: Higher Education as a Troubled Giant, 1970 to 2000 <i>A History</i> – chapter 8 - Weekly Experts, Group 5 (Bella, Meghan)
November 4	Special Topic: “The Academic Revolution” (The Long ‘60s)
November 11	Special Topic: University High School (UHS) and Future of Wardlaw College - Visit and Tour of Wardlaw College with University High School alumni: David Cobb, Bonnie Haynes, Jack Haynes, Martin Smith, Katherine Trimnal. - Future of Wardlaw College - Tommy Hodges, Dean
November 18	American Higher Education as a Troubled Giant & “A New Life?” - Due: Archival Project on Friday, November 21 - Presentation about Projects
November 25	No Class – Thanksgiving Break

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December 2	Final Project · Work in-class on drafting exhibit
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