Policy Regarding Late Senior Theses

Social Studies does not like to impose penalties, and we hope that the policy spelled out here will not have to be applied to any senior. Nevertheless, for the record, this sheet describes the Social Studies policy on late senior theses. This policy is in line with the penalty policies of other social science concentrations.

The deadline for uploading your thesis to the Social Studies 99b Canvas site is 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Additionally, you must turn in a printed copy of your cover page, sign the honor code, and return your thesis binder if you borrowed one by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Essays submitted after that time will be penalized severely. Theses are graded on a Latin scale (summa, magna, cum, no honors). A penalty of 1/3 of a grade (e.g., magna to magna minus) will be imposed for the first three hours that a thesis is late. An additional penalty of 1/3 of a grade will be taken for every 24 hours that a thesis is late after that. The 24-hour period resets each day at 2:00 p.m. Penalties accumulate such that a thesis submitted a week or more late may fail to receive honors.

Penalties will be waived exclusively in cases of documented medical illness or grave family emergency; students should consult with Anya Bassett, the Director of Studies, in that event. Missed alarm clocks and crashed computers are not considered valid causes for extensions. You should plan to have the first draft of your thesis finished three weeks before the due date to allow enough time for revisions, proofreading, and printing.