

## Course Syllabus

### Change the World from Here: The History of the University of San Francisco

#### Week 1 (January 6)

##### Origins: From St. Ignatius to Market Street (1491–1855)

- The Life and Times of St. Ignatius
- The Jesuits as Missionaries and Educators
- The Immigration Experience
- The California Gold Rush
- The Founding of St. Ignatius Church and College

#### Week 2 (January 13)

##### The Formative Years (1855–1880)

- First Students, Faculty, and Administrators
- Social Outreach by the Jesuits in San Francisco
- The Earthquake of 1868
- Beginning the Sciences

#### Week 3 (January 27)

##### The Golden Age (1880–1906)

- The Move to Van Ness Avenue
- Academics, Drama, and Music
- Formation of the Alumni Society
- The 50th Anniversary
- The 1906 Earthquake, Fire, and Recovery

#### Week 4 (February 3)

##### The Shirt Factory Era (1906–1929)

- The Formation of the Law School
- The Origins of Athletics
- World War I
- Financial Crisis
- The Roaring 20s

#### Week 5 (February 10)

##### Depression and War (1929–1945)

- The Crash of 1929 and the Depression
- A Name Change
- The 75th Anniversary
- Buying a Cemetery
- World War II

Week 6 (February 24)

The Postwar Era (1945–1963)

- Building Plans
- Academic Developments
- Athletic Triumphs
- The Centennial Celebration

Week 7 (March 2))

From the Turbulent 1960s to Our Own Time (1963-2020)

- Becoming Coeducational
- The Formation of the Faculty Association
- Expanding Education--From the Fromm Institute to the Center for the Pacific Rim
- The Story of Lone Mountain
- Vision, Mission, and Values

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Optional companion books are available at the USF bookstore and at the Gleeson Library:

- Alan Ziajka, *Legacy and Promise—150 Years of Jesuit Education at the University of San Francisco*, Association of Jesuit University Presses, 2005.
- Alan Ziajka, *The University of San Francisco School of Law Century—100 Years of Educating for Justice*, University of San Francisco School of Law/Donning Company Publishers, 2012.
- Alan Ziajka, *Lighting the City, Changing the World—A History of the Sciences at the University of San Francisco*, University of San Francisco/Donning Company Publishers, 2014.
- Alan Ziajka and Robert Elias, *University of San Francisco*, Arcadia Publishing, 2015.