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Recent American History II

4511-001



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Hours: MWF 7:30 a.m.-8 a.m.

MWF 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m.

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Course Objective: The organizing principle for this course is to understand how U.S. history changed during the dramatic period after 1945 through the 1960s. Our goal is to understand why and how the U.S. came to remain on a war footing since VJ day, and how the atomic age and the age of technology has impacted this society, for better or worse. The Cold War, Civil Rights, Women's Rights, and the Vietnam War are a few of the topics that will be covered.

Course Format: Lectures will be delivered through PowerPoint. Films, videos, and other media will also be used.

Exams: There will be three essay exams during the semester, and a final exam. All exams will be completed outside of class.

Course Attendance: As Woody Allen once said, “About seventy-five percent of life is just showing up.” In other words, course attendance is crucial. I will allow four unexcused absences. If you know that you must miss a class beforehand, please notify me. If something happens on the day of a class meeting and you cannot make it, please notify me.

Outside Readings: There are no outside readings for this course.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

<http://www.uno.edu/student-affairs-enrollment-management/documents/academic-dishonesty-policy-rev2014.pdf>

Safety Awareness Facts and Education

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here: <http://www.uno.edu/student-affairs-enrollment-management/>

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concerns through assessment, short-term counseling, and career testing and counseling. Find out more at <http://www.uno.edu/counseling-services/>. First-year students often have unique concerns, and UNO Cares is designed to address those students succeed. Contact UNO Cares through <http://www.uno.edu/fye/uno-cares.aspx>.

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Date	Topic
Aug. 19	Introduction
Aug. 21	Late WWII (Yalta, Atomic Bomb, Holocaust, etc)
Aug. 24	Late War cont'd
Aug. 26	Film
Aug. 28	Film pt.2
Aug. 31	Truman
Sept. 2	Truman
Sept. 4	Truman and Korea
Sept. 7 Labor Day	No class meeting
Sept. 9	Korea cont'd/ Essay DUE
Sept. 11	The Great Fear
Sept. 14	The Great Fear cont'd
Sept. 16	Film
Sept. 18	Film pt. 2

Sept. 21 1950s culture

Sept. 23 50s cont'd

Sept. 25 **Film - Please note here:**

You will write on only ONE of the two films shown on Sept. 16 and Sept. 25. Whatever film you choose, the essay will be due on Friday,

Oct. 5.

Sept. 28 **Film pt. 2**

Sept. 30 MIC and 1960 election

Oct. 2 1961

Oct. 5 1961 cont'd/**Essay due**

Oct. 7 1962-civil rights, CMC

Oct. 9 1962 cont'd

Oct. 12 **Film**

Oct. 14 **Film pt 2**

Oct. 16 **fall break**

Oct. 19 Film pt. 3

Oct. 21 1963

Oct. 23 1963 cont'd

Oct. 26 1963 cont'd/**Essay due**

Oct. 28 1964

Oct. 30 1965

Nov. 2	1965 cont'd
Nov. 4	1965 cont'd
Nov. 6	1965 cont'd
Nov. 9	1966
Nov. 11	1966 cont'd
Nov. 13	1967
Nov. 16	1968
Nov. 18	1968 cont'd
Nov. 20	Nixon
Nov. 23	1969
Nov. 25	End of Vietnam War
Nov. 27	no class meeting
Nov. 30	Film
Dec. 2	Film pt. 2
Dec. 4	Film pt. 3
Dec. 11	Your final essay to be emailed to me by 9 p.m.

All dates and topics subject to change

*And it's one, two, three,
 What are we fighting for ?
 Don't ask me, I don't give a damn,*

*Next stop is Vietnam;
And it's five, six, seven,
Open up the pearly gates,
Well there ain't no time to wonder why
Whoopee! we're all gonna die.*

From Country Joe and the Fish, "Vietnam Song"