PURPOSE:

The purpose of History 398 is to provide an overview of the economic, political and social trends since World War II. Naturally, the course will draw on other social science disciplines (economics, political science and sociology) for much of the material presented. However, we will attempt to chart cultural and artistic trends as well.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance in both lectures and discussion sections is required. To "test" for attendance at the lecture there will be occasional "surprise" quizzes. Discussion participation points will be awarded to students who participate on a regular basis.

There will be an "in class" mid-term examination and a "take-home" examination. The possible points for each assignment are listed on the attached sheet.

All undergraduates must register for four (4) credits. All graduate students must register for three (3) credits.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Six books are on order at the University Book Store.

J. Albert & S. Albert (eds), The Sixties Papers, (Praeger)
Sara Evans, Personal Politics, (Vintage)
Howell Raines, My Soul is Rested, (Penguin)
Fred Siegel, Troubled Journey, (Hill and Wang)
David Broder, Changing of the Guard, (Penguin)
Richard Polenberg, One Nation Divisible, (Viking)
Steven Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, (Penguin)

In addition, there will be required reading on reserve at the Historical Society as well as occasional materials handed out in class.
GRADING SYSTEM:

There are a total of 300 possible points for the term. They are distributed across the term's assignments as follows:

125 pts  Final Examination
50 pts  1st mid-term Exam
50 pts  2nd (take-home) mid-term Exam
25 pts  Various short assignments (including Lecture Quizzes)
50 pts  Discussion (section) Participation and assignments

The grading distribution is determined at the outset:

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* A grade of F will result if a student fails to meet all the basic requirements regardless of the final point total.