Course No. 398  
Course Title U.S. since 1945  
Instructor Baughman

Course Description

A survey of American political, diplomatic, social and economic history since the end of World War II. Topics include the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, Civil Rights, and the Women's Movement. Most of the readings and lectures cover the period to the late Sixties and early 1970s.

Writing

One book review of 7 to 10 pages based on a historical work or novel from the period

Grading

Midterm, paper and final exam. All exams follow the essay form

Required Reading

James Gilbert, Another Chancel Ralph Levering, The Cold War  
Thomas Reeves, ed., McCarthyism (2d. ed.)  
Clayborne Carson, In Struggle  
George Herring, America's Longest War  
Sara Evans, Personal Politics (tentative)


Evans, Sara. *Personal Politics.* Study of the emergence of the women's movement from the civil rights movement and the New Left.

Halberstam, David. *The Best and the Brightest.* The advisors and decisions which brought us to Vietnam.


Plath, Silvia. *The Bell Jar.*

Salinger, J. D. *Catcher in the Rye.* Two novels about youthful discontent in the fifties.

Moody, Anne. *Coming of Age in Mississippi.* A young black Southerner's story of the civil rights movement in the South.


Wittner, Lawrence. *Cold War America.* Survey of America since 1945 from critical perspective.