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The University of Wisconsin
Department of History

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
398	U.S. since 1945	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.

Written Work

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

Readings

James Gilbert, Another Chance
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)

several articles, including Robert Griffin, "Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Corporate Commonwealth," American Historical Review (1982); William E. Leuchtenburg, "In the Shadow of FDR," Wilson Quarterly, (1982), and Les K. Adler and Thomas G. Paterson, "Red Fascism: The Merger of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia in the American Image of Totalitarianism," AHR, 75 (1970).

READING FOR HISTORY 398, The United States Since 1945

Spring, 1981-82

Caputo, Philip. Rumor of War. Soldier's memoir of Vietnam.

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.

Hellman, Lillian. Scoundrel Time. Memoir of the fifties' anti-Communist crusade.

Plath, Sylvia. The Bell Jar.

OR

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.

Schell, Jonathan. The Time of Illusion. The Nixon years and the end of the Vietnam war.

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

Yates, Richard. Revolutionary Road. Novel of disillusionment in the suburbs.