

Department of History  
Semester II Year 1979

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
397	The United States, 1917 to the Present	Ms. M. Bogue

**COURSE DESCRIPTION** Offered for 4 credits for undergraduates with sophomore standing and for 3 credits for graduate students, history 397 will focus upon major developments in foreign affairs, and upon major social, economic, and political developments on the domestic scene from 1917 to the present. The main goals of the course include an examination of: America's role in international matters; the increased role of the federal government in safeguarding the general welfare of the American people since the 1930's; the Civil Rights Movement; women's liberation and the movement for equal rights; the depression of the 1930's; post World War II affluence; the urban crisis; environmental problems growing from industrialization and population growth; the expansion of Presidential Power; and the changing role of political parties in America.

**LECTURES** : 2 -75 minute lectures and 1 -50 minute discussion per week  
Lectures will include audio visual materials.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS** : 3 examinations, 6 weeks, 12 weeks, and final examination in essay format with the option of writing a paper in lieu of the 12 weeks, topic to be discussed with instructor during the 7th week.

**GRADING SYSTEM** : A, AB, B, BC, C, D, F

**REQUIRED READINGS** Paul Conkin and David Burner, A History of Recent America  
N. Gordon Levin, Woodrow Wilson and World Politics  
E. David Cronon, Black Moses  
John Steinbeck, Grapes of Wrath  
James M. Burns, Roosevelt: The Lion and the Fox  
Walter LaFeber, America Russia, and the Cold War, 1945-1975  
Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique  
Theodore H. White, Breach of Faith, The Fall of Richard Nixon