

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
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HISTORY 398

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THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1945

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 undergraduated 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	Discussion (section) Participation <u>and assignments</u>

The grading distribution is determined at the outset:

<u>Course Grade</u>	<u>Point Interval</u>
A	268-300
AB	238-267
B	208-237
BC	178-207
C	148-177
D	118-147
F*	-117

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