Course description: This course will examine major trends and events in U.S. history since 1939. Topics covered will include background on the New Deal; U.S. involvement in World War II and the homefront; the Korean War; the McCarthy era; the Cold War; cultural change in postwar America; business, labor and the economy; political change; movements for social change; the impact of new media on culture and society; the upheavals of the sixties; Vietnam and its aftermath; the "Reagan revolution"; contemporary affairs. We will give special emphasis to cultural history including cultural productions such as film, television, literature, music, and other forms of popular culture. We will use these forms as means of investigating the American experience since the Great Depression.

Exams and Grading:

Two in-class essay exams 40% (20% each)
Final exam 30%
Primary Source short papers x3 30% (10% each)
(see guide posted separately)

Books and other course materials:


In addition to the text, we will use a variety of web-based resources, including but not limited to those listed below. **Consult the D2L calendar for reading assignments.**

- Historical New York Times (via KSU Library website/Galileo)
- JSTOR database (KSU Library website/Galileo)
- FDR Library [http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/)
Truman Library http://www.trumanlibrary.org/

Eisenhower Library http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/

JFK Library http://www.jfklibrary.org/

LBJ Library http://www.lbjlibrary.org/

Nixon Library http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/

Ford Library http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/

Carter Library http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/

Reagan Library http://www.reaganfoundation.org/

Internet Archive (much cool stuff!) http://archive.org/index.php