

HIS/135: United States after Second World War

Description.

This course focuses on the socio-political history of USA in modern times. Her role, importance and responsibilities as super power will also be discussed.

1. Aims and Objectives.

After studying this course, the students will be able to:

- Know about the socio-political and economic developments happened in USA in details;
- Evaluate the causes and events for becoming her world power.
- Understand the international politics.

2. Contents.

- ❖ Post War America: Harry Truman's Presidentship, his doctrine, Cold War, the Korean War, Dwight D. Eisenhower's leadership, Cold War and USA Domestic Affairs, Economy and Culture (1945-1960).
- ❖ John F. Kennedy and Lynden Johnson's Governments, Cuban Missile Crisis, The Vietnam War.
- ❖ President Nixon, Watergate scandal, Gerald Ford's President ship.
- ❖ President Jimmy Carter, Post-Vietnam Foreign Policy, The Civil Rights Movement (1960-1980), The Legacy of Martin Luther King, JR, The Women's Movement. The Latino Movement, The Native American Movement.
- ❖ President Ronald Reagan, The Society, economy and foreign affairs during Reagan Administration (January 1981- January 1989).
- ❖ The Presidency of George Bush (January 1989-January 1993) End of the Cold War, The Gulf War and foreign affairs. New World Order.
- ❖ President Bill Clinton, his Foreign Policy, Rise of Terrorism.

3. Basic Readings:

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4. Additional Readings:

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