

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HIS 276 - UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE WORLD WAR II (3 CR.)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Investigates United States history from 1945 to the present, studying both domestic developments and American involvement in international affairs. Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

Provide a course of special interest to students and citizens of all ages.

ENTRY-LEVEL COMPETENCIES

Preferable, but not mandatory, that students complete HIS 121 prior to enrollment. Ability to use the English language correctly and effectively at the college level is expected.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Help students understand and analyze United States' changing role in the post-World War II world.
2. Help students understand and analyze major events, ideas, and personalities on the domestic scene.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED

1. Ending of World War II and the coming of the Cold War
2. McCarthy era and America's domestic anticommunist crusade
3. Suburban decade: American society in the 1950s
4. New Frontier: Age of Kennedy and social protest movements of the 1960s
5. Vietnam and its aftermath
6. New order of Richard Nixon
7. Our most recent past: Carter and Reagan years

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