A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 07 - Human Diversity

From the pit of the Great Depression to the struggles of World War II, the emergence of the Cold War, the growth of new social movements, and the rise of political conservatism, this course examines the course of American history from the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the election of Ronald Reagan. The rise and fall of what historians call the New Deal order is examined. Familiar personalities and controversies are placed in a larger historical context. Political, social, economic, and cultural trends are analyzed. Both national leaders and grassroots movements receive attention.

B. Course Effective Dates: 09/06/1999 - 05/03/2011 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 05/04/2011 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understands government policy, social movements, political developments and foreign relations in the United States from 1945 to the present, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

2. Can discuss events and developments in the recent American past and critically evaluate contemporary statements about these matters, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

3. Gains a reasonable sense of the chronology of historical events in the United States since 1945, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

4. Gains knowledge of the social movements organized by African Americans, women, Native Americans, and gays and lesbians in the United States since 1945, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

5. Understands major controversies of the last fifty years of U.S. history, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.

2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.

2. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.

3. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape
American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.

4. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

G. Special Information

None