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1. **Course Number:** HIS108
Course Title: United States History since 1945
2. **Description:** This course is a contemporary history of the United States since World War II at home and abroad. It provides an in-depth investigation of the events, developments, personalities, and meanings of the changes of the past years.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
 - identify and describe the key national events and trends in the U.S. since 1945
 - review and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources
 - use critical thinking and skeptical inquiry when studying the causal factors and historical background of the United States to promote active and responsible citizenship
 - demonstrate an active understanding through critical discussion and argument of the importance of diversity in terms of peoples and perspectives in the historical development of the United States
 - describe the basic research methods in the construction of history identifying the bias that may develop and be exposed in the historical process, and assess the use of evidence
 - utilize maps and identify locations relevant to the course content outline
4. **Credits:** Three credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades to be based upon exams, written work, class participation, and attendance.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Overview of the United States in World War II
 - Truman and the post war years
 - Society in the 1950s
 - Cold War and containment
 - Korean Conflict
 - Vietnam
 - JFK and the New Frontier
 - LBJ and the Great Society
 - The Civil Rights Movements and activism of the 1960s
 - Nixon and Watergate
 - The Fate of Liberalism and the rise of Conservatism
 - The Reagan Years
 - Globalization and its discontents
 - Changing boundaries of American influence and citizenship
 - The Millennial Generation