



AMERICAN HISTORY 1945-PRESENT

Bachelor in English and American Language, Literature and History
Faculty of Liberal Arts

Course information

Bachelor year 3 24 HOURS

Spring Semester 5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course description

This class studies the evolution of American history from the end of the Second World War until the attack of September 11, 2001 including the following themes:

- The 1930s & WW2 as foundation for the 1960s.
- How the USA's military-industrial complex came of age and was entrenched.
- Business' ever-present role in US civilization.
- America's lengthy post-WW2 prosperity up to the dot com bubble
- Distinguishing characteristics of the US 1960s as turning point
- Race, Class & Gender debate from 1960s to the present time
- The post-war US 1970s (Nixon's, Carter's, Reagan's America).
- 9/11: its domestic & international effects & aftermath.