INSTITUTIONAL SYLLABUS

I. Course Title: US History Since 1950

II. Course Number: HIST 427

III. Credit Hours: 3

IV. Prerequisites: None

V. Catalog Description: A study of recent U.S. history, with emphasis on postwar social and political developments, as well as the impact of American’s role in world affairs, and with particular attention to great power rivalries, the Cold War, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam.

VI. Curricular Relationships: This course is part of the elective block of U.S. History courses taken by History/Government majors and for students majoring in secondary licensure.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes: Students will read and learn about the major social and political events of post-World War II America. Each student will define key terms related to the period, and shall demonstrate an understanding of the interplay of major events through essay questions on written exams. The students will also use primary sources materials to reach interpretations of the major developments of the era by using them to construct analytical, argumentative papers.

VIII. Content Outline: The class will be divided into three chronological sections; The Cold War, 1950s, and Civil Rights movement to 1964; the Vietnam War and 1960s; The Late Cold War and Post-Cold War Era to the present.

IX. Course Procedures: There will be three exams, three papers, and several readings quizzes and in-class projects. The exams and paper are worth 100 points each, and the other assignments, quizzes, and class participation will total an additional 300 points for a total of 700 points.

X. Grading Scale: 
   A: 630-700  
   B: 560-629  
   C: 490-559  
   D: 420-479  
   F: 0-419

IX. Required/Recommended Readings:
William Chafe, *The Unfinished Journey.*

XI Any Issues Unique to this Course: None

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: None