INSTITUTIONAL SYLLABUS

(Check One)

_____ New Course (OR) Date of Last Review ____
_____ Substantive Change in Existing Course ____

I. Course Title:  U. S. in the Era of World Wars

II. Course Number: HIST 426

III. Credit Hours:  3

IV. Prerequisites: None

V. Catalog Description: A study of the diplomatic, social, and political developments of the first half of the twentieth century with emphasis on the impact of immigration, urbanization, technology, and America’s increasing involvement in world affairs through WWII.

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 acquire an understanding of the major events that have shaped the nation from 1914 through the end of World War II. Students will read and learn about the major social and political events of the era including the wars, the social tensions of the 1920s, and the Great Depression and the New Deal. Each student will define key terms related to the state, and shall demonstrate an understanding of the interplay of major events through essay questions on written exams. The students will also become acquainted with the historical method by constructing a monographic papers using primary and secondary sources. Each student will also become thoroughly familiar with the geography and cultural distinctiveness of each subregion of the state.

VIII. Content Outline: The course is divided into thirds. The first covers World War II and the 1920s; the second covers the Depression and New Deal era, and the third examines U.S. involvement in World War II.

VII. Course Procedures: There will be three exams, three papers, several short papers, 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 100 points for a total of 700 points.

Grading Scale: A: 630-700  C: 490-559  F: 0-419
X. Required/Recommended Readings: David J. Goldberg, *Discontented America, The United States in the 1920’s.*
D. Clayton James and Anne Sharp Wells, *America and the Great War 1914-1920.*
Gary R. Hess, *The United States at War, 1941-45.*
Allan M. Winkler, *Home Front U.S.A. America During World War II.*
*Major Problems in American History 1920-45.*

XI Any Issues Unique to this Course:

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: