

**Nebraska Wesleyan University**

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## **HIST 520 Recent American History, 1945-present**

3 hours

**Majors (Grad)**

Master of Arts in Historical Studies

**Departments/Programs:**

Historical Studies (Graduate)

Examination of the United States since 1945. Major topics include: The Cold War and its aftermath, the American war in Vietnam, the collapse of Great Society liberalism, the emergence of the new conservatism, the struggle for minority rights, second-wave feminism, the rise of identity politics, the Reagan presidency, the role of media in the so-called Information Age and the post-9/11 American wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Special attention is paid to placing recent events and trends in a larger historical context.