

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Course Number: HIST 210 Department: History

Course Title: Modern U. S. History Semester: Spring Year: 1997

**Objectives/Competencies**

<b>Course Objective</b>	<b>Competencies</b>
<p>1. The purpose of this course is to have students gain a better understanding of this nation's often tumultuous past century and a quarter. With a special emphasis on the past World War II era, we will tackle such problems as race relations, changing gender roles, and economic dislocation. We will also explore the various myths and realities in U.S. History. A major feature of this course will be a focus on the Vietnam War and its effects on American culture.</p>	<p>1. This course is organized around a series of lectures, discussions, and other active learning experiences utilizing primary sources. Students will also critique a variety of audio-visuals, including the award-winning NIXON from the American Experience series, to sharpen their analytical skills.</p> <p>2. By course end, the student will have gained a greater understanding of, for example: The Myth of "Rags-to-Riches," Why the United States became involved in Vietnam, Where Bill Clinton "fits in" in the context of the modern American presidency.</p>