SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 449.001
UNITED STATES IN WORLD WAR TWO

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Course Objectives:
In 2008 the History Department faculty developed a set of five objectives for our program. This list of objectives outlines the skills that all history majors should master by the time they complete their degree.

1. The student will evaluate the role of the historian in society.
2. The student will assess the significance of historical events/phenomena and analyze their historical contexts.
3. The student will locate, identify and critically analyze primary and secondary sources appropriate for historical research.
4. The student will interpret evidence found within primary sources and place those sources within their appropriate historical context.
5. The student will effectively communicate historical arguments in support of a central thesis, including the proper citation of sources using the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style.

Texts:
David Kennedy’s *The American People in World War Two*
Richard Overy’s *Why the Allies Won*
Eugene Sledge’s *With the Old Breed*

MakeUps: You have 24 hours to contact me if you miss a test. I will give all make-up exams on Friday, 17 November at 6:30 AM.

Grading Rationale:
First Exam 20%
Second Exam 20%
Final Exam 20%
First Short Paper 20%
Second Short Paper 20%

Grading Scale: A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F: 59 or less.

Attendance Policy: You can skip up to and including five classes for any reason, excused or unexcused, but I will deduct a letter grade off your final grade for each class missed after that, regardless of the reason.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism involves the presentation of someone else’s work for one’s own. It is a serious offense, and I will fail you for the class if I catch you doing it. If you have any questions, ask.

Pet Peeve: If I catch you with your cellphone out or using any electronic devices during class, I can and will throw you out, and you won’t be allowed back until you write a paper for me. You cannot use computers in class either unless you talk with me first.

Tentative Schedule and Assignments:

**Week 1:**
Tue 29 Aug  Introduction and the Enemy and American Neutrality in Europe’s War
Thu 31 Aug  American Neutrality in Europe’s War (cont) and War with Japan

**Week 2:**
Tue 5 Sep  Discussion and Japanese Onslaught
Thu 7 Sep  Japanese Onslaught (cont) and Naval Doctrine, Coral Sea, and Midway

**Week 3:**
Tue 12 Sep  Formulating American Grand Strategy and Army Way of War
Thu 14 Sep        Army Way of War (cont) and Discussion

Week 4:
Tue 19 Sep        Army Organization, Weapons, and Tactics and Selecting Army Commanders
Thu 21 Sep        Selecting Army Commanders (cont) and GI Joe

Week 5:
Tue 26 Sep        Discussion and Arsenal of Democracy
Thu 28 Sep        First Exam

Week 6:
Tue 3 Oct         Arsenal of Democracy (cont) and American Society at War
Thu 5 Oct         Discussion and Wartime Diplomacy

Week 7:
Tue 10 Oct        Wartime Diplomacy (cont) and Intelligence and Covert Action
Thu 12 Oct        Discussion and Strategic Bombing of Germany

Week 8:
Tue 17 Oct        Strategic Bombing of Germany (cont) and Atlantic Campaign
Thu 19 Oct        Americans in North Africa and Italian Campaign

Week 9:
Tue 24 Oct        Italian Campaign (cont) and Discussion
Thu 26 Oct        Normandy Invasion and Liberation of France

Week 10:
Tue 31 Oct        Liberation of France (cont) and Battle of the Bulge
Thu 2 Nov         German Collapse and Discussion

Week 11:
Tue 7 Nov         Second Exam
Thu 9 Nov         Attrition in the Southwest Pacific and Central Pacific Offensive

Week 12:
Tue 21 Nov        Central Pacific Offensive (cont) and Return to the Philippines
Thu 23 Nov        Submarine War Against Japan and China-Burma-India

Week 13:
Tue 28 Nov        China-Burma-India (cont) and Discussion
Thu 30 Nov        Closing in on Japan and Bombers Over Japan

Week 14:
Tue 5 Dec         Bombers Over Japan (cont) and Atomic Bomb and Japan’s Surrender
Thu 7 Dec         Discussion

Final Exam:       Thursday, 14 December at 8 AM