

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021**

**BHS-DSC15**

**CORE-XV: HISTORY OF USA 1900 – 2000 CE**

**Instr.Hrs.: 5**  
**Credits : 4**

**Year : III**  
**Semester: VI**

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Students will acquire**

- a) adf**
- b) dfa**

**Objectives:**

- This subject will generate the interest of the students in American History.
- It help them to comprehend the developments that are taking place in the contemporary United States in a broad historical prospective.

**Course Outcome:**

- This course will improve the content knowledge of the students about the history of USA.
- Provide an understanding of the critic past of USA and its governmental policies.
- They will be articulate the foreign policy of USA in light of Global wars.
- To demonstrate an understanding of the rise of America as a super power.

**Contents**

**UNIT I**

The Cold War: Strategy of “Containment” – Harry S. Truman – Fair Deal – Truman Doctrine – Marshall Plan – Point Four Programme – Eisenhower – Suez Canal Crisis – Anti-Communist Crusade - Korean War - Cuban Crisis.

**UNIT II**

John F. Kennedy – New Frontier Policy - Civil Rights Movement – Martin Luther King - L.B. Johnson – Great Society - Foreign Policy.

**UNIT III**

Richard Nixon – Watergate Scandal - Ping Pong Diplomacy – Man on the Moon – Super Power Rivalry – Vietnam War.

**UNIT IV**

America under Jimmy Carter – Domestic and Foreign Policy – Détente: Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT-II] – Ronald Reagan, Escalation of the Cold War – US-Soviet Relations.

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**UNIT V**

George Bush Senior – End of Cold War – Bill Clinton – USA as a Super Power – Domestic and Foreign Policy – George Bush Junior.

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