This course surveys the history of the United States from the end of the Civil War to the present. By focusing on the key moments and major events in the modern era, we will reflect on U.S. politics, race, culture and social history. Among other themes examined, we will trace how immigration politics have shaped American identity, discuss the evolution of racial relations, reflect on the impact of American domestic policies on people’s everyday lives, and explore the emergence of movements that pursue social justice. Topics will include the Reconstruction era, immigration and American identity, the Great Depression and social welfare, the major wars and the Cold War culture, suburbanization, the Civil Rights Movement, and the rise of modern conservatism. Students will be assigned quizzes, weekly short Blackboard blog entries, and a final paper discussing a particular issue of U.S. history.