Course Title: World War II: History and Legacy  
Course Code: HIS 192  
Instructor Name: Jelena Batinic

Grade Options and Requirements:
- No Grade Requested (NGR): Just show up for class.
- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC): Regular attendance. In addition, students are expected to write a short response (1-2pp) to the assigned readings for two class meetings of their choice. Each of the two response papers will be due at the class meeting for which the selected readings have been assigned.
- Letter Grade: Students must complete the requirements for credit (see above) AND write a five-page paper, to be submitted Wednesday, Week 8. A list of suggested essay topics will be distributed in class during Week 4.

Preliminary Weekly Schedule:

Week 1: Background  
The shadow of World War I  
The road to war

Week 2: Towards a New World Order  
Ideologies at war  
Conquest and occupation policies in Europe and Asia

Week 3: The World at War  
War in the Pacific  
Europe’s Eastern front and the Mediterranean

Week 4: Total war and society  
Men, women, and societies at war  
Living with the enemy: collaboration

Week 5: The darkest and the brightest moments  
The Holocaust  
The dilemmas of resistance

Week 6: Defeating Germany and Japan  
The end of Hitler’s Empire  
Bombings and the Bomb

Week 7: Legacies  
Postwar order, justice, and retribution  
Remembering the war