

AMST 206m (10361R) The Politics and Culture of the “Sixties”

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The Sixties was a time of turmoil and peace, utopian idealism and often-nightmarish brutality. It was a time when love was all ‘you’ needed, yet war was all around. It was the time of the Woodstock Nation and the Silent Majority, communes and the Manson family. It was the time of sex, rock ‘n roll and drugs. It had Hippies and Yippies and Panthers, JFK and Nixon. And forties years later, we are still trying to make sense of it. This course will examine this tumultuous period with all its contradictions and various movements. We will look at the ‘good’ Sixties and the ‘bad’ Sixties. We will read, watch and study a variety of texts from this messy time in order to gain a richer understanding of what this past has left us. And in the end, all those who have memories of the Sixties yet were never there, might discover that what they recall, what they have been sold by mass media over the years, is not quite adequate to this moment when things seemed so miraculously wonderful and often so profoundly banal.