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Semester I Year 1979-80

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
101	American History, 1607-1865	Sharpless

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introductory Comments:

1. This course is intended to serve two basic purposes. The first is simply to provide a general review of the important issues and problems which arise in the study of American history before the Civil War. There is a second purpose, however. During the course of the term, I hope that each student will become aware of the variety of approaches possible in the study of history. Hopefully, it will be evident that there is no set pattern which is the "true history," but a range of patterns, each subject to various interpretations.
2. The MINIMUM requirements of the course are:
 - A. Regular attendance at lectures and discussion sections;
 - B. A satisfactory performance on the mid-terms and the final.
3. There are seven books and a number of articles (some available in Bobbs-Merrill Reprints) REQUIRED for the course. All should be available through the bookstores. For those students, who find a text useful, I have ordered Sellers, May and McMillen, A Synopsis of American History, Vol. I. Another optional text, Robert Kelly's Shaping of the American Past is on reserve in the History Department Library (weekly assignments for the optional text are listed as well).

LECTURES

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

GRADING SYSTEM

REQUIRED READINGS

Required Books:

- K. A. Lockridge, A New England Town: The First Hundred Years.
- E. Morgan, The Meaning of Independence.
- J. C. Wahlke (ed.), The Causes of the American Revolution.
- H. Wish (ed.), Ante-Bellum: Three Classics...
- Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (Mentor Book edition).
- F. Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass.
- C. Sellers, H. May and N. McMillen, A Synopsis of American History (Vol. I).

Bobbs-Merrill Reprints:

- B. Welter, "The Cult of True Womanhood: 1820-1860," Bobbs-Merrill Reprint H-487.
C. Becker, "Everyman His Own Historian," Bobbs-Merrill Reprint H-18.

(Both of these articles will be on reserve in the History Department Library, 4257 Humanities Building; and the Historical Society Library.)

NOTE: The questions for both the mid-terms and the final will be distributed to the class on Wednesday, January 30.