THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1981-82

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aim of this course is to introduce undergraduates to the study of American history; to acquaint them with the major forces shaping American institutions, character, and thought; and to inculcate an understanding of history as a discipline. Its major theme is the development and testing of American nationalism from colonial times through the Civil War and Reconstruction.

LECTURES

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays plus a discussion section.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Two hour exams plus a final exam. All exams are essay type.

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

To be announced.
History 101  U. S. History to the Civil War Era  Mr. Sewell

Required Texts:


Schedule:

Week of January 19

Readings:

Lectures:
  Introduction
  Social Change in Colonial America
  Witchcraft at Salem

Week of January 26

Readings:
  Morgan, *Puritan Dilemma*, chaps. I-VI

Lectures:
  Toward Religious Toleration
  Fish and Ships: The Colonial Economy
  Democracy or Deference: Colonial Politics

Week of February 2

Readings:
  Morgan, *Puritan Dilemma*, chaps. VII-XIII

Lectures:
  Origins of the American Revolution
  Why the British Lost
  A Case for the Losers: The Loyalists
Week of March 23

Lectures:
   A White Man's Democracy
   Review

SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION:  March 27

Week of March 30

Readings:
   Donald, *Lincoln Reconsidered*, chap. II

Lectures:
   Intellectual Ferment and Social Reform
   The Women's Movement in Early America
   Abolitionism

Week of April 6

Readings:
   Blassingame, *Slave Community*

Lectures:
   The Peculiar Institution
   Manifest Destiny
   Crisis and Compromise: Slavery in National Politics

Week of April 13

Readings:

Lectures:
   Birth of the Republican Party
   Disruption of the Democracy

Week of April 20

Readings:
   Donald, *Lincoln Reconsidered*, chap. XI

Lectures:
   The Secession Crisis, 1860-1861
   Grant and Lee
   Lincoln and the Racial Question