

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1979-80

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
102	U.S. since 1865	John DeNovo

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- Part II: The Progressive Era and World War I, 1900-1920 (nearly 3 weeks)
- Part III: Prosperity, Bust, and the New Deal, 1919-1939 (3 weeks)
- Part IV: World War II and Since (1940-1979) (4 weeks)

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WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

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GRADING SYSTEM

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REQUIRED READINGS

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2. Novel by Ole E. Polvaag, GIANTS IN THE EARTH.
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