

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester I, 1983-84

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
History 102	American History Since 1865	Hollingsworth

COURSE DESCRIPTION

While this course focuses on American history since 1865, the problems with which it is mainly concerned are very present day oriented. Thus, the course is concerned with providing an understanding to some of the following questions:

Why has there been such poor performance in the American economy in recent years?

Why has the role of the state and the central government increased during the twentieth century?

What have been the basic dilemmas in American foreign policy in the twentieth century?

Why has there been such a substantial decline in political participation, and why has the change in the nature of American political parties occurred?

What has been the nature of ethnic and race relations in America since the Civil War?

While these are questions which are very much a part of contemporary American society, they will be analyzed within an historical context.

WRITTEN WORK

There will be three take-home examinations, focusing on readings and class materials.

GRADES

Take-home exams will count 80 percent of the grade and class participation in discussions 20 percent.

REQUIRED READINGS

1. Richard Current, et al. The Essentials of American History Since 1865 - a relatively brief history textbook.
2. C. Vann Woodward. The Strange Career of Jim Crow.
3. Stephen Ambrose. Rise to Globalism: American Foreign Policy, 1938-1980.
4. Rogers Hollingsworth. American Expansion in the Late Nineteenth Century.
5. James R. Green. The World of the Worker.

All of the above are to be purchased at the University Bookstore.

In addition, there is a xerox packet of supplementary reading to be purchased at a nearby copy center. This contains short articles and essays. There will be an announcement in class about this.