

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
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History 102
American History, 1860-1980

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Introduction to History 102

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 from the Civil War to the present. 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 both mid-terms and the final.
- C. Completion of all "Special Assignments."

3. There will be two (2) "NAME-DATES & FACTS" tests. You are not required to take these tests. It is quite possible to pass the course without taking the "NAME-DATES & FACTS" tests. It is entirely your decision. They will be given only once; there will be no "makeup exams."

Each test will have one hundred (100) multiple choice questions. Points will be awarded as follows:

100% correct:	15 pts
90%-99% correct:	10 pts
80%-89% correct:	9 pts
70%-79% correct:	8 pts
60%-69% correct:	7 pts
50%-59% correct:	6 pts
40%-49% correct:	5 pts
10%-39% correct:	2 pts
1%-10% correct:	1 pt

Scores will be posted; the points will be added to points you earn on the midterms and final. These exams will not be returned. You may however, review the exam with the Teaching Assistant.

4. The Teaching Assistants may award up to ten (10) "discretionary points" beyond those earned on the mid-terms, special assignments and the final. In large part, these extra points will simply reflect regular attendance in discussion section. However, evidence of having completed the reading in the course participation in discussion will be taken into account as well.

4. The midterm exams will count no more than 100 points each and the final will have a maximum of 150 points. "Special Assignments" in total, will not count more than 15 points. The total number of points (over the term) required for each letter grade is established at the outset. It will not be changed.

A	340 -
A/B	320 - 339
B	300 - 319
B/C	280 - 299
C	250 - 279
D	235 - 249
F	0 - 234

Note: Failure to meet any of the Minimum Requirements of the course (see section 2, above) can result in a grade of F, even if the point total exceeds 234.