

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

History 300
The Art & Science of History

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5133 Humanities

History 300 has three objectives. Students enrolled in the course will:

1. analyze a series of critical issues in the history of American ethnicity in the 20th century;
2. examine the use for historical research of the large volumes of data collected by public opinion or survey researchers; and
3. learn how to use "canned" or pre-programmed packages for the computer-assisted evaluation of such data.

Students in History 300 need not have any special training in mathematics, statistics, or computer science. They will be expected to do a moderate amount of reading, including seven book chapters or articles and several sets of notes to be distributed in class. The students will take a mid-term and an end-term and will have to write a 1500-2000 word essay on one of the problems to be discussed during the course.

Students taking History 300 for three credits will meet for lectures from 11:00AM to 12:15PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students enrolled for four credits will meet at those times and also from 11:00AM to 11:50AM on Fridays.

Schedule of Classes

Introduction to the Course Lsn 1	23 Jan
Introduction to Computing Lsns 2, 3, 4	25, 30 Jan; 1 Feb
A Synopsis of American Immigrant and Ethnic History Lsns 5, 6, 7, 8	6, 8, 13, 15 Feb
Issues in Contemporary Immigration Lsns 9, 10	20, 22 Feb
Elliott Abrams & Franklin S. Abrams, "Immigration Policy -- Who Gets In and Why?" <u>The Public Interest</u> (1975)	
The Structure of Historical Data Bases Lsns 11, 12	27, 29 Feb
Allan Bogue, "Numerical and Formal Analysis in United States History," <u>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</u> (1981)	
Using SPSS Lsns 13, 14, 15	5, 7, 12 Mar
Mid-Term Examination Lsn 16	14 Mar
Spring Break	17-25 Mar
Ethnic Groups in Modern America Lsns 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	26, 28 Mar; 2, 4 9 Apr
Thomas Archdeacon, <u>Becoming American</u> , Chap. 8, Epilogue	
Socio-Political Distinctions among Ethnic Groups Lsns 22, 23, 24, 25	11, 16, 18, 23 Apr
Gary D. Bouma, "Beyond Lenski: A Critical Review of Recent 'Protestant Ethic' Research," <u>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</u> (1973)	
Norman Nie et al., "Political Attitudes among American Ethnics: A Study of Perceptual Distortion," <u>Ethnicity</u> (1974)	
The Ethno-Cultural Interpretation of Electoral Behavior Lsns 26, 27, 28, 29	25, 30 Apr; 2, 7 May
Philip Converse et al., "Stability and Change in 1960: A Re- instating Election," <u>American Political Science Review</u> (1961)	
William Schneider, "The November 4 Vote for President: What Did It Mean?" in Austun Ranney, ed., <u>The American Elections of 1980</u>	
Conclusion of the Course Lsn 30	9 May