

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
FALL 1994

HISTORY 401

MR. SCHULTZ

AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY 1607 TO 1870

Texts

Lockridge, Kenneth A., A New England Town: The First Hundred Years
Masur, Louis P. (ed.), The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
Rosenberg, Charles E., The Cholera Years: The United States
in 1832, 1849, and 1866
Wade, Richard C., Slavery in the Cities

Course Meetings and Requirements:

Students will attend two lectures (75 minutes each) per week. Grades will depend on performance on the examinations and the writing assignment due toward the end of the semester. Steady improvement over the semester will find its reward in the final grade. A graduate student Reader will assist the instructor in evaluation of your work. We will evaluate your work on its blend of necessary factual information and thoughtful analyses of the major issues.

We have scheduled two examinations during the course; each will be in essay format. There will be a required mid-term (scheduled for October 20th) and a final examination (scheduled by the College for Sunday, December 22nd at 2:45 P.M.).

Writing Assignment:

In addition to examinations, there will be one required writing assignment. All undergraduate students will write one short (10-15 double-spaced, typewritten pages) essay review (format to be provided). The essay-review will be based on a sufficient variety of materials to allow analysis of differing viewpoints on the subject. Normally, this would be at least three books, or two books and several articles, or 6-10 articles. Students who prefer to write a research paper, based upon primary historical materials, rather than the essay-review, may do so after consultation with the instructor.

All graduate students enrolled in the course must write a research paper based on primary sources.

The writing assignment will be due **no later than December 1**. We will grant no exceptions to the due date.

COURSE OUTLINE AND LECTURE TOPICS

LECTURE TOPICS	DATE
I. CITIES IN THE NEW WORLD	
Introduction to the course	Sept. 1
Theories of City Location and Growth	6
Patterns of American Colonial Urbanization	8
Planting and Planning Cities in the New World	13
The Regulation of Urban Life	15
The "Sorts" of City Folk: Class Structure in the Cities	20
Social Institutions in the Cities	22
Commercial Cities and the Rise of the Merchants	27
The First Urban (Urbane?) American	29
The First Urban (Urbane?) American: Part 2	Oct. 4
The Workshops of the Revolution	6
Urban America in War and Peace	11
Federal Cities and the Constitution	13
Review Session for Examination	18
MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * *	
Oct. 20	
II. CITIES IN THE NEW NATION	
The Rise of Western Cities	Oct. 25
Social Order in Frontier Urban America	27
The Urban Frontier of the Old South	Nov. 1
Slaves and Free Blacks in Urban America	3
Dreamers and Schemers of Urban Imperialism	8
Urban Industrial Growth	10
Work and Workers in Urban America	15
Foreigners and the "Discovery" of Poverty	17
Order and Disorder in the Cities	22
Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 24-27	
The Unhealthy City	29
Technology and Visions of the Urban Future	Dec. 1
Saving the Cities Through Planning	6
The Southern Perimeter and the Civil War	8
The Urbanization of Modern America	13
Review Session for Final Examination	15