

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1983-84

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
573	Twentieth-Century Brazil	T. E. Skidmore

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Brazil is known for its soccer, its beaches and its music. But it is also the most industrialized country in the Third World. Nonetheless, thirty-five million Brazilians still live in grinding poverty in the Northeast of the country (now suffering from a five-year drought, the longest in Brazilian history). What kind of society does "late industrialization" such as Brazil's produce? What is the effect on those pillars of traditional authority, the military, the church and the landowners? What role have the foreign investors come to play? What of the newly ~~xxx~~ emerging sectors such as labor especially in industrialized São Paulo, and the middle class? Not least important, what can Brazil's vibrant culture tell us about where Brazil has come from and where it ~~is~~ is going?

In this course, we will, through extensive reading and intensive discussion, try to understand twentieth-century Brazil as a paradigmatic Third World country, but ~~is~~ also as a fascinating society in its own terms.

LECTURES

None--will taught in a seminar format.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

There will be 2 papers of 5-8 pages and 1 paper of 8-10 pages required

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading will be based on both oral participation and the written ~~x~~ papers
(more details on the course syllabus)

REQUIRED READINGS

See the course syllabus, ~~with~~ which will be available during the Registration Week.