COURSE NO.  COURSE TITLE  INSTRUCTOR
101 - 001  American History to the Civil War Era  Sewell

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aim of this course is to introduce undergraduates to the study of American
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history; to acquaint them with the major forces shaping American institutions,
nationalism from colonial times through the Civil War and Reconstruction.
character, and thought; and to inculcate an understanding of history as a

LECTURES

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays plus a discussion section.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Two hour exams plus a final exam. All exams are essay type.

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

To be announced.
History 101 U. S. History to the Civil War Era Mr. Sewell

Required Texts:


Schedule:

Week of January 19

Readings:  

Lectures:  
Introduction  
Social Change in Colonial America  
Witchcraft at Salem

Week of January 26

Readings:  
Morgan, *Puritan Dilemma*, chaps. I-VI

Lectures:  
Toward Religious Toleration  
Fish and Ships: The Colonial Economy  
Democracy or Deference: Colonial Politics

Week of February 2

Readings:  
Morgan, *Puritan Dilemma*, chaps. VII-XIII

Lectures:  
Origins of the American Revolution  
Why the British Lost  
A Case for the Losers: The Loyalists
Week of March 23

Lectures:
   A White Man's Democracy
   Review

SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION: March 27

Week of March 30

Readings:
   Garraty, American Nation, chaps. XII-XIII
   Donald, Lincoln Reconsidered, chap. II

Lectures:
   Intellectual Ferment and Social Reform
   The Women's Movement in Early America
   Abolitionism

Week of April 6

Readings:
   Garraty, American Nation, chap. XI
   Blassingame, Slave Community

Lectures:
   The Peculiar Institution
   Manifest Destiny
   Crisis and Compromise: Slavery in National Politics

Week of April 13

Readings:
   Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIV

Lectures:
   Birth of the Republican Party
   Disruption of the Democracy

Week of April 20

Readings:
   Garraty, American Nation, chap. XV
   Donald, Lincoln Reconsidered, chap. XI

Lectures:
   The Secession Crisis, 1860-1861
   Grant and Lee
   Lincoln and the Racial Question