

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 83-84

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
102	United States Since 1865	Boyer

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to some of the major themes of American history from the 1870's to the present, including the industrial transformation of the late 19th century, urban growth and immigration, the Progressive reform movement, impact of World War I, society and politics in the 1920's, the Depression and New Deal, American life in the 1950's and 1960's, and the effect of nuclear weapons on American thought and culture.

LECTURES

The lectures will offer an interpretive overview of the themes sketched in above.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

There will be a midterm examination and a final. In addition, each student will research and write a paper relating some aspect of his or her own family's experience to the themes covered in the course. For example, papers might focus on the immigration experience, the Depression, the family in wartime, etc. The student will be expected to use a variety of sources, including interviews, family materials, local newspapers, census data, etc.

GRADING SYSTEM

Midterm exam (20%); Final exam (30%); Paper (30%); Discussion participation (20%)

REQUIRED READINGS

Horatio Alger, Ragged Dick; George E. Mowry (ed.), The Twenties; Nathaniel West, A Cool Million; Garry Wills, Nixon Agonistes; John Hersey, Hiroshima; selected articles.