History 392 surveys women in American history, concentrating upon the period 1830-1930. Four themes receive special attention: changing cultural definitions of women; attitudes toward sexuality and family; women in the labor force; and the pursuit of sexual equality.

LECTURES
Three lectures and one discussion each week.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS
Three exams including a take-home final and either take-home or in-class 6 and 12 week exams. The choice of exam format to be decided upon by the class.

GRADING SYSTEM
6 week exam: 20%; 12 week exam: 20%; final exam: 50%; discussion section performance: 10%

REQUIRED READINGS
Louisa May Alcott, Little Women
W. Elliot & Mary Brownlee, Women in the American Economy
Kate Chopin, The Awakening
James and Sheila Cooper, The Roots of American Feminist Thought
Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique (2nd edition)
Jean Friedman & William Shade, Our American Sisters
Barbara Welter, "The Cult of True Womanhood"