COURSE NO. 395  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
Semester 1st Year 1976-77  

COURSE TITLE  
American History 1877-1917  
INSTRUCTOR  
Patrick Hearden  

COURSE DESCRIPTION  
This course deals with the period between the end of Reconstruction and America's entry into the First World War. During these decades, the United States experienced dramatic social, economic, and political changes as it underwent a basic transformation from an agricultural to an industrial society. This course will focus on such topics as The Conquest of the West, The Populist Revolt, The Rise of the Robber Barons, the Organization of Labor Unions, The Impulse to Reform, and The Quest for Overseas Empire.  

LECTURES  
M.W.F. -- 11:00 - 11:50  

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS  
Three Credits: A one hour midterm examination and a two hour final examination.  
Four Credits: The above exams plus a paper.  

GRADING SYSTEM  

REQUIRED READINGS  
Richard Hofstadter  
Robert V. Bruce  
Mari Sandoz  
Walter LaFeber  
Lincoln Steffens  
Gabriel Kolko  
Arthur S. Link  

The Age of Reform  
1877: The Year of Violence  
Old Jules  
The New Empire  
The Shame of the Cities  
The Triumph of Conservatism  
Wilson the Diplomatist