Semester I Year 1979-80

WARNING: NOT CURRENT; MAY NOT MATCH COURSE CONTENT EXACTLY.

COURSE NO. 401
COURSE TITLE American Urban History, 1607-1870
INSTRUCTOR Mr. Schultz

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Origins, growth, and role of the city in American history; life in colonial cities; rise of western cities; urban imperialism; transportation revolution; urban order and disorder; social mobility; social reform; sectionalism and the cities.

LECTURES

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

There will be a mid-term and a final examination required of all students. Both examinations will consist of essay questions and will be in-class examinations. Those students enrolled in the class for 3 credits will write one critical essay-review (format to be given in class) comparing at least two books on a subject to be agreed upon between the student and the instructor. Those enrolled for 4 credits will write a short (10-15 pages) research paper on a topic to be agreed upon between the student and the instructor. Students will present first drafts of their work, receive comment from the instructor, and present the final draft by the last day of the course.

Essay-review first draft due: November 3
Research paper first draft due: November 10

REQUIRED READINGS

Kenneth T. Jackson and Stanley K. Schultz, CITIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY
Kenneth A. Lockridge, A NEW ENGLAND TOWN
Richard C. Wade, SLAVERY IN THE CITIES
Christopher Tunnard and Henry R. Reed, AMERICAN SKYLINE
Oscar Handlin, BOSTON'S TOLERANTS (2d ed.)
Charles M. Clapp, THE AMERICAN CITY: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY
Various articles on reserve in the State Historical Reading Room.
Readings: Recommended

John Reps, THE MAKING OF URBAN AMERICA (On reserve, Helen C. White)
Peter Knights, THE PLAIN PEOPLE OF BOSTON, 1830-1860 (On reserve, State Historical Society)

Office Hours:

Mr. Schultz will keep office hours in 4106 Humanities, 3:45 to 4:45 Tues. & Thurs, or by appointment. If you need an appointment, please see or call Mrs. Sylvia Kadushin, American Institutions, 4122 Humanities (263-1784) between 9-1, Monday-Friday.