

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1976-77

| <u>COURSE NO.</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> | <u>INSTRUCTOR</u> |
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| 392 | Women in History | Ms. Lindstrom |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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
William Chafe, The American Woman, 1920-1970
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"