

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 76-77

| <u>COURSE NO.</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> | <u>INSTRUCTOR</u> |
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| 403 | Immigration and Assimilation in American History | Archdeacon |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The lectures will describe: a) the major movements of people to what is now the United States; b) the geographic origins of the immigrants and their destinations in the U.S.; c) the reasons which prompted each major ethnic and racial group to migrate and the situations which they encountered after arrival; d) the particular contributions made by each group in cultural, economic, and political matters; 3) the immigrants' involvement in social disorders; f) the response of Anglo-Saxons and early ethnic arrivals to later immigrants; g) the society's attempts to deal with the immigrants; h) the immigrants' efforts to be assimilated and/or to retain ethnic and racial identities; i) the continuing role of ethnic and racial consciousness in American society and politics.

LECTURES

twice weekly, Tues. & Thurs., 11:00

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

No written assignment for 3 credits.
Possible term paper for 4 credits.
Mid terms & end term.

GRADING SYSTEM

End-term test: 50%
Mid terms: 40%
Class participation: 10%

REQUIRED READINGS

Winthrop Jordan, White Man's Burden (Oxford)
Oscar Handlin, Boston's Immigrants (Atheneum)
Ole Rolvaag, Giants in the Earth (Harper & Row)
Abraham Cohan, The Rise of David Levinsky (Harper & Row)
Kenneth Jackson, Ku Klux Klan in The Cities, 1915-1930 (Oxford)
Herbert Gans, Urban Villagers (Free Press)
Edwin O'Connor, Last Hurrah (Bantam)
Michael Novak, The Rise of the Unmeltable Ethnic (Macmillan)