

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Spring 1990

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
432	History of Scandinavia since 1890	Mr. Hamalainen

COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 432 explores major social, political, economic and cultural trends in the Scandinavian countries (Norden) and the 19th and 20th centuries starting with the Swedo-Finnish and the Dano-Norwegian states and the emergence of Finland and Norway as autonomous political entities in association respectively with Russia and Sweden.

There will be an effort to discuss the historical institutions, structures, and developments in the Nordic countries within a comparative framework. This approach should clarify those features which are common to Nordic history as a whole as well as serve the purpose of emphasizing the more unique aspects of the evolution of the different northern societies. The relationship of significant characteristics of the Nordic experience to general European history will also be explored.

LECTURES

Lectures two time per week.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

The undergraduates are expected to write two book reviews and the graduate students five book reviews based on supplementary reading. Both the mid-term and final examinations will consist of essay questions -- the mid-term examination is optional but if a student chooses to take it, the examination counts toward the course grade.

GRADING SYSTEM

The course grade is largely decided by the results of the examinations - if the student chooses to take the mid-term examination it will count for about 30% of the course grade. The books reviews can swing the course grade in borderline cases.

REQUIRED READINGS

Appropriate sections of the works mentioned below will be required reading for all students in the class. In addition there will be supplementary reading, which the students can choose from a book list furnished by the instructor.

T.K. Derry, A History of Scandinavia, 1979.

P.K. Hamalainen, In Time of Storm: Revolution, Civil War and the Ethnolinguistic Issues in Finland, 1978.

Steven Koblik, Sweden's Development from Poverty to Affluence, 1975.

Henrik S. Nissen, ed., Scandinavia during the Second World War, 1983.

Following topics will be discussed in the lectures:

Introductory comments	Failing security arrangements and the eve of the Second World War
Political and territorial realignments	The Finno-Russian Winter War
Old and new political institutions	German occupation of Denmark and Norway
Problems of nationalism	The Finno-Russian Winter War
Romanticism and nationalism	Postwar reconstruction and search for security
Cultural nationalism in Finland	Political realignments
Cultural nationalism in Norway	Norway and Denmark in NATO
The Schleswig-Holstein problem	Swedish neutrality
Pan-Scandinavianism	The Finno-Soviet relationship
Agrarian and demographic problems	Nordic cooperation
Emigration	Scandinavia, EFTA and EEC
The process of industrialization	
Rise of liberalism	
Rise of the Social Democratic movements	
Cultural national romanticism	
The democratic breakthrough	
Independence struggles and social conflict	
The Finnish revolution and Civil War and its heritage	
Territorial disputes	
Ethnic conflict in Finland	
The depression	
Evolution of welfare states	