

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
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WOMEN IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1870 TO THE PRESENT

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Office Hours:
Wed: 2-4 pm and
by appointment

Course 521
T & TR: 9:30-11:45
All assignments are due at
the beginning of the week.

Course Description:

The course will offer an overview of the history of women in America, treating the subject as a separate field and as an integral aspect of general history. Among the topics to be studied are: Women's work -- Domestic and in the Workplace; the Sexual Revolution; the New Woman; the Winning of Suffrage; Women in the Great Depression; the New Feminism, Origins, History and Theory. The emphasis will always be on seeing women as active agents in history and on studying them comparatively, in consideration of variables as to class, race, and ethnicity.

Students will work with primary and secondary sources and become familiar with different historiographic interpretations.

Lectures:

There will be class discussion as part of each lecture period. Section meetings will be scheduled during the first week of classes.

Requirements:

Attendance at lectures and participation in class discussion following the lectures; reading preparation in advance of each lecture; participation in weekly section discussion, and of course, the taking of tests.

Honor students and graduate students working for credit must do additional work based on some of the suggested readings. See instructor for individual assignments.

Absences:

Unexcused absences from sections will be reflected in the grade. Students having problems about attendance at lectures and sections are urged to see the instructor during office hours.

Restrictions:

Juniors and seniors. Sophomores only with the instructor's permission. Graduate students may audit or take course for credit, except for American History graduate students, who may audit only. Auditors must do all class reading assignments.

Exams:

In-class Midterm. In-class final. Additional credit may be earned by submitting one or more book report(s) based on suggested readings.

Grading System:

Fulfillment of requirements	10% of grade.
Section attendance and participation	25% of grade.
Midterm	30% of grade.
Final35% of grade.

HISTORY 521: WOMEN IN THE US SINCE 1860
FALL SEMESTER, 1986

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>% of Final Grade</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1st Short Paper (3-4 pages)	10%	Sept. 23
Midterm (Objective)	20%	Oct. 16
2nd Short Paper (3-4 pages)	15%	Nov. 6
Final (Take-Home)	35%	Dec. 15
Discussion Sections	20%	- - - - -

Short Papers: Topics for short papers will be distributed at least one week before the papers are due.

Midterm: The midterm will be held in class.

Take-Home Final: Topics for the final will be distributed at least 2 weeks before it is due.

Discussion: Discussion grades will be determined by attendance in section as well as the quantity and, more importantly, quality of participation (i.e., knowledge of the assigned reading material).

*Due Dates: Assignments will be due IN CLASS on the day listed above (i.e., 1 PM).

**Late Papers: Students handing in late papers should expect to be penalized in proportion to the extent of lateness.

*****STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ALL BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE.**

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHICAL TOOLS IN AMERICAN HISTORY
AVAILABLE IN UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LIBRARIES

(Unless otherwise noted, all books are in UW Memorial Library.)

Mem = Memorial Library

College = College Library (in Helen C. White Hall)

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

H Bliss, William Dwight Peter, Encyclopedia of Social
41 Reform (Funk and Wagnalls, 1898).
B6

H Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 15 vols.
41 (Macmillan, 1934).
E6 - Reading Room

H International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences,
40 18 vols. (Macmillan, 1968).
A2
I5 - Ref.

BIOGRAPHICAL INDEXES AND DICTIONARIES

Z Biography Index, (Wilson, 1949-date).
5301
B5 - Reading Room

CT Current Biography Yearbook, (Wilson, 1940-date).
100
C8 - Reading Room

E Dictionary of American Biography, 20 vols. (Scribner,
176 1928-1937).
D56 - Reading Room

E Also . . . Concise Edition, 1 vol. 1980.
176
D564
1980 - Reading Room

DA Dictionary of National Biography, 66 vols. with two
28 supplements (1885-1901; to 1977).
D42

DA Second Supplement 1977.
28
D4

E Who's Who in America, (Marquis, 1899 to date).
176
W642

Reading Room 41st Ed. in 2 vols.

Z
6945 Union List of Serials in Libraries in the United States
U45 and Canada, 3d ed. 5 vols. (Wilson, 1966).
1965 - Circ. Desk

DICTIONARIES, DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS

E Adams, James Truslow, Dictionary of American History,
174 (Scribner's, 1940) 7 vols. including index volume
A41 - Reading Room and Supplement.

E Dictionary of American History 8 vols. (including
174 index) (Scribner's, 1976). A revision and updating
D51 of Adams' Dictionary.
1976 - Reading Room

E Morris, Richard B. Encyclopedia of American History,
174.5 Bicentennial Edition. (Harper, 1976).
M347
1976 - Class Reserve

E Morris, Richard B., Basic Documents in American
303 History, (Van Nostrand, 1970).
M38

E Commager, Henry S., Documents of American History,
173 9th Ed. (Appleton, 1973).
C66
1973 - Class Reserve

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Z Books in Print (Latest edition only retained).
1215
P972
7 - College Ref.
Mem Ref.

Z U.S. Catalog, Books in Print, (H. Wilson, 1928).
1215
"U6 -1928

Z Cumulative Book Index, a World History of Books in
+1219 the English Language, (Wilson, 1928 to date).
+M3 - Ref.

Z A Guide to Historical Literature, edited by George
6201 Matthew Dutcher [and others] (P. Smith, 1949).
G95 - 1949

Z American Historical Assn. Guide to Historical
6201 Literature, Edited by George Frederick Howe and
A55 others, (Macmillan, 1961).

F 83 .6C45 - Cutter		Channing, Edward, A.B. Hart, F.J. Turner, <u>Guide to the Study and Reading of American History</u> , (Ginn, 1396).
Z 1035 S49 College - Ref. Library School		Shores, Louis, <u>Basic Reference Sources</u> , (ALA, 1954).
Z 1035.1 E5		Barton, Mary, <u>Reference Books</u> , 3d. Ed. (Enoch Pratt, 1966).
016.016 G731s Library School	Z 1002 +G814 2 Ref.	Gray, Richard A. <u>Serial Bibliographies in the Humanities and Social Sciences</u> , (Pierian Press, 1969).