

Semester I: 1986-1987

History 102

U.S. since 1865

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An interpretative treatment of American history since the Civil War that focuses on POWER: who has it and who resists it? The unifying theme is the triumph of industrial capitalism and a new industrial order; the varying responses of those disadvantaged by that new order -- especially industrial workers, sometimes farmers, and increasingly women and minorities; and the counter-responses of corporate elites, especially the effort to rationalize (make more rational and planned) the economy at home and expand American material and strategic presence (imperialism?) abroad. Lectures heavily stress economic policy and foreign affairs with an occasional foray into labor history. Sections will put a supplemental stress on women's history and ethnic-racial minorities.

LECTURES:

Two per week. 75 minutes each. Discussion encouraged.

SECTIONS:

One per week. 50 minutes. Discussion. Clarify lectures and text and explore implications of related primary documents.

EXAMS:

Six week: in-class (pool of study questions week in advance)

Twelve week: take-home

Final: in-class (pool of advance study questions)

GRADING:

6 week exam: 25%
12 week exam: 25%
Final exam: 30%
Section: 20% (attendance, preparation, participation)

READINGS:

Current, et. al., Essentials of American History since 1865

Kutler, ed., Looking for America, vol. 2

"Readings, History 102" (supplemental xerox material at
Bob's Copy center by 2d week classes)

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Office hrs.: 3:50-4:50 T & H; W. by appt. 5213 Humanities (263-2395).

Exams: 6 week: Thurs., Oct. 9 (In-class: advance study questions)
12 week: Thurs., ~~Sept~~ Nov. 20 (Take-home due)
Final: Fri., Dec. 19 (In-class: advance study questions)

Discussion sections: 50 minuses weekly. Required. To be assigned.

Grades: 25% = 6 week exam
25% = 12 week exam
30% = Final exam
20% = Section (preparation, attendance, participation)

Books: TEXT: Current, et. al., Essentials of Amer. History since 1865
READER: Kutler, ed., Looking for America, vol. 2
SUPPLEMENT: xeroxed materials at Bob's Copy (by Sept. 12)

Weekly Lecture Topics:

Sep. 2 & 4: Industrialization and corporate capitalism
9 & 11: Labor resistance
16 & 18: Farm resistance
23 & 25: Corporate response: internal expansion south & west
S. 30 & O. 2: Corporate response: external expansion Asia & Caribbean
Oct. 7 & 9: Corporate response: rationalizing the economy
14 & 16: World War I: industrial America in microcosm
21 & 23: The New Era, 1920s
28 & 30: New Deal: rationalization and resistance
Nov. 4 & 6: World War II: the triumph of international capital
11 & 13: Origins of the Cold War
18 & 20: 1950s: hegemony and consensus
25 . . . : The Vietnam War
Dec. 2 & 4: Resistance in the 1960s
9 & 11: 1970s-1980s: the crisis of hegemony and consensus

<u>Week Beginning:</u>	<u>TEXT assignment:</u>	<u>READER:</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENT:</u>
Sep. 2	ch. 15; pp 182-6	[TO BE ASSIGNED IN SECTION]	
Sep. 8	pp 186-190	"	"
Sep. 15	190-193	"	"
Sep. 22	ch. 17	"	"
Sep. 29	ch. 19	"	"
Oct. 6	ch. 18	"	"
Oct. 13	ch. 20	"	"
Oct. 20	ch. 21	"	"
Oct. 27	ch. 22	"	"
Nov. 3	chs. 23-24	"	"
Nov. 10	ch. 25	"	"
Nov. 17	chs. 26-27	"	"
Nov. 24	ch. 30	"	"
Dec. 1	ch. 28	"	"
Dec. 8	ch. 29	"	"