

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 84-85

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
His 140	The Family in US History	Gordon

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A general introductory survey of changes in the US family over 300 years.

Topics covered include: what is kinship & the family; patriarchy; child-raising; old age; life cycle; impact of slavery; immigration; race and ethnic difference; class differences in family life; religious influence on family life; femininity and masculinity; housework and wage work; the rise of cities; the impact of social work and a bureaucratic government; education; the "sexual revolution;" birth control; wars; economic recessions; contemporary politics about the family.

LECTURES

Tuesday & Thursday 11-12:15

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Numerous very short assignments, including producing a genealogy of your own family, an autobiography, a migration and work history of your family, as well as other assignments focused on what you read, mainly short-answer exams and on take-home essay exam.

GRADING SYSTEM

A through F

REQUIRED READINGS

Main books include Watts & Davis, Generations; Ehrenreich, The Hearts of Men; Stack, All Our Kin. Students will also read novels and articles.