

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1979-80

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
392	Women in History	Ms. Lindstrom

COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 392 surveys women in American history, concentrating upon the period 1830-1950. Four themes receive special attention: changing cultural definitions of women; attitudes toward sexuality and family; women in the labor force; and the pursuit of sexual equality.

LECTURES

Three lectures and one discussion each week.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Three exams including an in-class final and either take-home or in-class 6 week and 12 week exams. The choice of exam format to be decided upon by the class.

GRADING SYSTEM

6 week exam: 20%; 12 week exam: 20%; final exam: 50%; discussion section performance: 10%

REQUIRED READINGS

Louisa May Alcott, Little Women
William Chafe, The American Woman, 1920-1970
Kate Chopin, The Awakening
Jean Friedman & William Shade, Our American Sisters
Toni Morrison, The Bluest Eye
Miriam Schneir, Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings
Jo Freeman, The Politics of Women's Liberation