

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

SEMESTER Spring YEAR 1978

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
393	The Civil War Era, 1848-1877	Rothstein

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A survey of political, economic, and social changes during the period, the course will focus on slavery in the Old South, the anti-slavery movement, the contrasts between plantation economy and the beginnings of Northern industrialization, the coming of the Civil War, the impact of war on all sections and classes, the shifts and stresses involved in adjusting to the new national system after the war, and the fate of freedmen as one of the consequences of "Reconstruction."

LECTURES

Three lectures weekly, one discussion section in an hour to be arranged. Student participation in lecture periods will be encouraged.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

Two one-hour examinations, and a two-hour final examination, all of the essay type, with a short paper or comparative book-review essay also required. The second hour-long examination will be optional for students who earn a B grade or better on the first.

GRADING SYSTEM

So specific or exact weighting, so that greater stress can be placed on improvement of performance, but the final will count for roughly 1/3d of the grade, the two hour exams for 1/3d, and the paper and class discussion for 1/3d.

REQUIRED READINGS

- Brock, W.R. - Conflict and Transformation (pelican books)
- Crowe, C. - Age of Civil War and Reconstruction (Dorsey Press)
- Potter, D. - Division and the Stresses of Reunion, 1845-76 (Scott, Foresman)