

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

Semester II Year 1979-80

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
605	The Age of the American Revolution, 1763-1789	Mr. Archdeacon

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An analysis of American society and politics from 1750-1790.  
Begins with brief review of the main themes of colonial history.  
Proceeds to discussion of the series of crises preceding the Declaration of Independence.  
Attempts to explain the broad-based causes of the Revolution and the significance of the event.  
Examines military aspects of the conflict.  
Discusses effects of the Revolution on American society, politics, and economics.  
Analyzes the movement for the Federal Constitution of 1787 and the adoption of that frame of government.

LECTURES

Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-2:15

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Three essay examinations, and some additional writing.

GRADING SYSTEM

The requirements will have equal weight; those who show improvement over the course of the term will receive special consideration.

REQUIRED READINGS

Robert A. Gross, The Minutemen and Their World  
Bernard Bailyn, The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution  
Eric Foner, Tom Paine and Revolutionary America  
Gordon Wood, The Creation of the American Republic  
E. James Ferguson, The American Revolution