

Semester II. Year 1981-82

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
102 -004	U.S. History: Civil War to the Present	Risjord

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will start with post-Civil War political and social history (roughly 1870) and come down to the present. The arrangement is chronological, and the student will be given an introduction to the major trends--political, social, and diplomatic--of the past century.

LECTURES There will be two lectures a week, each approximately 75 minutes in length. For the third class meeting, students will be divided into discussion groups, which will deal with assigned readings.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Students will be asked to read and discuss seven paperbacks in the course of the semester (purchase and use of a general textbook is optional). There will be two one-hour exams in the course of the semester, and a two-hour final exam. Exams will be based primarily on the lectures. No formal papers or essays are required.

GRADING SYSTEM

The exams will be averaged, and the student's performance in discussion sections (i.e., frequency and intelligence of his or her oral contribution) will count as much as one of the exams.

REQUIRED READINGS

Seven paperbacks (averaging 300 pages).

Textbook is optional.