

History 324: Life in Colonial America

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MW 11:00-12:15

Required Readings:

Cronon, William. *Changes in the Land*.

Demos, John. *The Unredeemed Captive*.

Edwards, Jonathan. "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" [handout]

Franklin, Benjamin. *The Autobiography*.

Kupperman, Karen. *Indians and English*.

Noel-Hume, Ivor. *Martin's Hundred*.

Ulrich, Laurel T. *Goodwives*.

Wood, Peter. *Black Majority*.

This course explores the development of Anglo-American society and culture in North America. The transfer of English ideas and institutions to the new world, the conflicts between Native, European and African cultures, the development of distinctive social, economic, and political differences in the colonies, the role of religion in the shaping of colonial settlement, and the emergence of an American identity are studied.

Students enrolled in this class will:

- Understand key themes underlying Anglo-American history during the colonial period, from first settlement by the English to the eve of the American Revolution.
- Identify and be able to articulate historians' interpretations of major events in the colonial period.
- Conduct primary and secondary research about some aspect of colonial American history that interests them.
- Lead their classmates in discussion about important works in the field of early American history.
- Develop their own arguments about the colonial experience.
- Write a research paper on their chosen subject using *the Chicago Manual of Style* as their citation guide.

Discussion Topics and Reading Assignments:

8/30	Vexed and Troubled Englishmen	Begin Kupperman.
9/1	England and the New World	
9/6	Indians and English	Finish Kupperman.
9/8	Elizabethan Imperialism	Begin Noel-Hume.
9/13	Roanoke	
9/15	Virginia	
9/20	Martin's Hundred	Finish Noel-Hume.
9/22	Exam #1	
9/27	New England's Natives	Begin Cronon.
9/29	Pilgrims and Pequots	
10/4	Changes in the Land	Finish Cronon.
10/6	Family Life in Puritan New England	Begin Ulrich.
10/11	Fall Break (no class)	
10/13	Goodwives	Finish Ulrich
10/18	Witchcraft	Begin Demos.
10/20	Wayward Puritans	
10/25	Imperial Warfare	
10/27	Race, Religion, Gender and Culture	
11/1	Unredeemed Captives	Finish Demos.
11/3	Exam #2	
11/8	Servitude and Status in Early America	Begin Wood.
11/10	Yeoman Farmers	

11/15	Great Planters in the Chesapeake	
11/17	Rice and Slaves (papers due)	
11/22	Black Majority	Finish Wood.
11/24	Thanksgiving Break (no class)	Begin Franklin.
11/29	Colonial Commerce and the World	
12/1	The Great Awakening	Edwards [handout]
12/6	Franklin: An American Character	Finish Franklin.
12/8	From Colonies to Country	
12/13	Take-Home Final Exam due by 12:00 noon, Arter 202.	

Course Requirements:

You are expected to attend all classes. Attendance will be taken. Students with more than **two** unexcused absences will have their final grade penalized.

You are expected to read all assigned works and participate in class discussions. All students are expected to facilitate discussion of an assigned book during the term. Your leadership of this discussion will be evaluated as part of your larger class participation grade. Class participation is worth **1/5** of your final grade in the course.

All students are expected to write a research paper (minimum **15** pages, including endnotes and bibliography) on some aspect of early American history that interests them. The guidelines for this paper will be discussed in class. This paper is due in class on **11/17** and is worth **1/5** of your final grade in the course. No late papers will be accepted.

You are required to take two in-class exams and the **Take Home Final Exam**. Each exam, including the Final Exam, is worth **1/5** of your final grade in the course. The Final Exam is due by **noon on Monday, December 13, 2010, in Arter 202.**

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