

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MADISON
Department of History
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History 101

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course begins with the convergence of European, native American, and African cultures in the New World, and then explores the English colonial experience and the creation and development of the United States. Major topics include the diversity of the English Colonies; the origins, nature, and consequences of the American Revolution; the evolution of a unique republic; economic growth; continental expansion and sectionalism; slavery and race relations; the changing roles and status of women; the Civil War; and Reconstruction.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY: There will be three lectures and one discussion section per week. Each student is expected to complete the week's reading assignment before his or her discussion section and to participate actively and intelligently in the discussion.

GRADING: Grades will be based on participation in discussion, two in-class exams, and a final exam.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Available at the University Bookstore:

Robert A. Gross, The Minutemen and the World.

Mary Beth Norton, et al., A People and a Nation: A History of the United States (2nd edition, 1986), Volume 1.

Leonard Richards, Gentlemen of Property and Standing

Norman K. Risjord, ed., Insights on American History, Volume 1.

Peter H. Wood, Black Majority: Negroes in Colonial South Carolina.

Available at Kinko's, 620 University Ave.

Packet 94

NOTE: All required readings except the Kinko's packet have been placed on reserve at the Helen B. White (undergraduate) Library.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Part I: The Coming Together of Cultures

January 23	Introduction to the course
January 25	READ: Norton, 5-19 The Americas before European Contact
January 27	The Old World: Europe and Africa
January 30	The Columbian Exchange READ: Norton, 19-25 Risjord, 1-26 Wood, xiii-166
February 1	The Development of European Empires
February 3	England on the Eve of Expansion
February 6	English Expansion: Ireland and the West Indies READ: Norton, 25-28, 47-53 Kinko's Packet, 37-38, 40-44 Wood, 167-326
February 8	English Expansion: The Chesapeake
February 10	The Origins of American Slavery
February 13	Puritanism READ: Norton, 28-46 Risjord, 27-49 Kinko's Packet, 1, 38-39
February 15	The Founding of New England
February 17	An Empire of Trade
February 20	Indians: Catawbas and Iroquois READ: Norton, 53-96 Risjord, 50-71
February 22	Eighteenth-Century America
February 24	FIRST EXAM

Part II: The Transforming Radicalism of Revolution

February 27	The Great Awakening READ: Norton, 100-109 Risjord, 72-93 Gross, 3-29
March 1	The Enlightenment in America
March 3	The Origins of American Politics

March 6 The Stamp Act and its Aftermath
 READ: Norton, 109-150
 Kinko's Packet, 2-6
 Gross, 30-132

March 8 The War for Independence

March 10 The Confederation Period

March 13 The Creation of the American Republic
 READ: Norton, 154-178
 Kinko's Packet, 7-12, 45-46
 Gross, 133-170

March 15 Launching the Republican Experiment

March 17 SECOND EXAM

MIDTERM RECESS

PART III: The Implications of Republicanism

March 29 The Implications of Liberty
 READ: Norton, 181-206
 Risjord, 140-169
 Gross, 171-190

March 31 The Jeffersonian Dilemma

April 3 The War of 1812 and its Effects
 READ: Norton, 210-253
 Risjord, 110-139
 Kinko's Packet, 54-66

April 5 The Problem of Slavery in the Young Republic

April 7 The Transportation Revolution

April 10 The Industrial Revolution Begins
 READ: Norton, 253-265, 276-280, 325-350
 Risjord, 170-193
 Kinko's Packet, 35-36, 47-51, 67-119

April 12 Women's Sphere

April 14 Jacksonian Democracy: The Birth of Mass Politics

April 17 Jacksonian Democracy: The Issues
 READ: Kinko's Packet, 51-53
 Richards, 3-170

April 19 Reform

April 21 The Rise of Political Abolition

April 24 The Black Experience in Antebellum America
 READ: Norton, 269-276, 280-320, 355-358
 Risjord, 194-240

April 26 Westward Expansion and the Mexican War

April 28 The Compromise of 1850 and its Aftermath

May 1 The House Divides
READ: Norton, 358-415
Risjord, 241-253
Kinko's Packet, 19-34

May 3 The War for Union: The Military Struggle
May 5 The War for Union: The Home Fronts

May 8 The Death of Slavery
READ: Norton, 420-447
Risjord, 254-273

May 10 Reconstruction
May 12 Centennial America