

History 321: Revolutionary America

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Office Hours Tuesday-1230-130, Thursday 10-1050, or by appointment.

THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS ARE: two papers, two exams, a brief photo essay, and participation in occasional discussions. The two papers and exams will be weighed equally, and the photo essay will be counted towards your final grade.

COURSE RULES

All work must be handed in on time; all late papers will lose a half a grade per day. Timely attendance is required; **please turn off your cell phones when in class.** Please respect your classmates and conduct yourself in an appropriate manner. **ALL** grades are final. If you engage in any form of academic dishonesty, you will fail the course and be referred to the dean for students for further disciplinary action. All work must be your own and appropriately documented. PLEASE CONSULT THE APPROPRIATE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CONDUCT CODES AS PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY.

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COURSE SUPPORT

1. Please make use of faculty office hours (listed above). It is one of the most effective ways to improve your course performance when you need help.
2. Accommodations: Boston University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student who needs academic accommodations because of a documented disability, you should contact me and present your letter of accommodation as soon as possible to ensure that your needs are addressed from the start of the course. If you have questions about documenting a disability or requesting academic accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at access@bu.edu and 617-353-3658. Information about these policies can be found online at www.bu.edu/disability/policies-procedures.

Week of January 14th: THE EMPIRE AND THE COLONIES

Gordon Wood, The Radicalism of the American Revolution, 3-93.

Week of January 21st: IMPERIAL WAR AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Fred Anderson, The War That Made America, 3-121.

Ned Landsman, "Liberty, Province, and Empire," The American Revolution Reader, 3-22.

RECOMMENDED: Eliga Gould, "The Nation Abroad," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 23-52

Week of January 28th: EROSION OF THE IMPERIAL ORDER

Gordon Wood, Radicalism of the American Revolution, 95-144

Robert Gross, The Minutemen and Their World, 3-108.

Andrew O' Shaughnessy, The Men Who Lost America, 17-46

Week of February 4th: THE IMPERIAL COLLAPSE

John Murrin, "1776: The Countercycle Revolution," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 76-91.

T.H. Breen, "Baubles of Britain," in , The American Revolution Reader, 53-75.

Woody Holton, "Rebel Against Rebel," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 92-113

Andrew O' Shaughnessy, The Men Who Lost America, 47-81.

Week of February 11th: IDEOLOGY AND REVOLUTION

Gordon Wood, Radicalism of the American Revolution, 145-212

Robert Parkinson, "Twenty-Seven Reasons for Independence," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 114-122.

The Declaration of Independence, AVAILABLE ONLINE. **PHOTO DUE ON FRIDAY.**

Week of February 18th: WAR AND SOCIETY

Robert Gross, The Minutemen and Their World, 109-170.

John Shy, "American Society and its War for Independence," 117-132, AND "The Military Conflict Considered as a Revolutionary War," 213-244, A People Numerous and Armed.

RECOMMENDED: Andrew O' Shaughnessy, The Men Who Lost America, 83-164.

Week of February 25th: WORLD WAR

John Shy "British Strategy for Pacifying the Southern Colonies, 1778-1781 A People Numerous and Armed, 193-212.

John Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton, 75-101

RECOMMENDED: Andrew O' Shaughnessy, The Men Who Lost America, 207-288.

FIRST PAPER DUE FRIDAY MARCH 3rd

Week of March 4th: SPRING BREAK

Week of March 11th: REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Gordon Wood, The Radicalism of the American Revolution, 229-370

Gary Nash, "Writing on a Clean Slate" in The American Revolution Reader, 209-235.

RECOMMENDED: Michael MacDonald, "Class War? Class Struggles During the American Revolution in Virginia," in The American Revolution Reader, 139-165.

MIDTERM EXAM, WEDNESDAY MARCH 15th

Week of March 18th: CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

John Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton, 150-200

Richard Beeman, Plain, Honest Men, 3-85, 163-225, 308-385

THE FEDERALIST PAPERS: 10, 51, 52 AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Week of March 25th: REVOLUTION AND DISORDER ON THE FRONTIER

Saul Cornell, "Aristocracy Assailed: The Ideology of Backcountry Anti-Federalism," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 282-303.

Alan Taylor, "'To Man Their Rights': The Frontier Revolution," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 304-320.

Week of April 1st: POLITICS OF THE 1790s

John Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton, 201-312

Thomas Paine, The Rights of Man. AVAILABLE ONLINE

THE JAY TREATY. AVAILABLE ONLINE

Week of April 8th: CRISIS AND THE ELECTION OF 1800

John Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton, 313-362

John Murrin, "A Roof Without Walls," in, Beyond Confederation 333-348

Week of April 15th: SLAVERY IN THE ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Douglas Egerton, Death or Liberty: African Americans and Revolutionary America, 3-193.

RECOMMENDED: Ira Berlin, "The Revolution in Black Life," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 323-345 .

Week of April 22nd: AWAKENINGS AND FAITH IN THE SEASON OF REVOLUTION

Christina Heyrman, Southern Cross, 3-205

Frank Lambert, "Constitutional Recognition of a Free Religious Market," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 262-281.

Week of APRIL 29th: THE WORLD REMADE: FINAL PAPER DUE, LAST CLASS MEETING.
FINAL EXAM IN THE EXAM PERIOD