History 321: Revolutionary America

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Office Hours: Tuesday 2-3, Thursday 930-1030.

THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS ARE: two papers, two exams, a one-page 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 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 20th: THE EMPIRE AND THE COLONIES

Week of January 27th: IMPERIAL WAR AND ITS DISCONTENTS
Fred Anderson, The War That Made America, 3-121.

Week of February 3rd: EROSION OF THE IMPERIAL ORDER
Gordon Wood, Radicalism of the American Revolution, 95-144
Week of February 10th: THE IMPERIAL COLLAPSE
Woody Holton, “Rebel Against Rebel,” in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 92-113

Week of February 17th: IDEOLOGY AND REVOLUTION
Gordon Wood, Radicalism of the American Revolution, 145-212
The Declaration of Independence, AVAILABLE ONLINE. PHOTO DUE ON THURSDAY.
NO CLASS ON THE 19th—PRESIDENT’S DAY

Week of February 24th: WAR AND SOCIETY

Week of March 3rd: WORLD WAR
John Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton, 75-101
FIRST PAPER TUESDAY MARCH 5th
MIDTERM THURSDAY MARCH 7th

Week of March 10th: SPRING BREAK

Week of March 17th: REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS DISCONTENTS
Gordon Wood, The Radicalism of the American Revolution, 229-370
RECOMMENDED: Michael MacDonald, “Class War? Class Struggles During the American Revolution in Virginia,” in The American Revolution Reader, 139-165.

Week of March 24th: 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 31st: REVOLUTION AND DISORDER ON THE FRONTIER

**Week of April 7th: POLITICS OF THE 1790s**
John Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton, 201-312
Thomas Paine, The Rights of Man. AVAILABLE ONLINE

**Week of April 14th: 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 21st: SLAVERY IN THE ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**
Douglas Egerton, Death or Liberty: African Americans and Revolutionary America, 3-193.

**Week of April 28th: AWAKENINGS AND FAITH IN THE SEASON OF REVOLUTION**
Christina Heyrman, Southern Cross, 3-205

**FINAL PAPER DUE, LAST CLASS MEETING, MAY 2ND. FINAL EXAM IN THE EXAM PERIOD**