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General Syllabus

HIST 3403 Colonial America to 1763

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 1213 Composition II or ENGL 1233 Honors Composition and
HIST 2753 United States History I or HIST 2763 United States History II

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The study of the European colonization of North America to 1763.

B. Additional Information

This course represents an effort by the History Department to broaden the number of offerings in American History and is especially significant as it is the opening course in the university's series on the United States from the earliest times to the present.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe native cultures in America prior to colonization.
2. Identify the major characters in early colonial exploration.
3. Focus on the initial process of English colonization.
4. Describe the ways in which the English colonies developed diverse economic, political, and social structures.
5. Describe the conflicts among the English, other colonial powers, and Native Americans.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of the development of each of the individual 13 colonies.
7. Interpret the impact of African Americans on the colonial system.

8. Demonstrate understanding of the causes of the American revolutionary movement.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

By exploring social, cultural, political, and economic factors, students will demonstrate understanding of the interaction between cultures within America and with other nations.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will use a formal documentation style for written presentation of research projects. Students will discuss particular aspects of colonial history in their writing.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. A brief examination of America's earliest peoples.
- B. The development of colonial intent by European powers.
- C. Early colonial voyages and attempts to plant colonies in America.
- D. Native American relations with colonists.
- E. Establishment of permanent settlement.
- F. Development of each of the 13 English colonies.
- G. The political structure of English colonial government.
- H. English colonial trade policy.
- I. The social contrast of the various colonies.
- J. African American settlement and society.
- K. The rise of the revolutionary movement.