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General Syllabus

HIST 3413 American Revolution 1763-1787

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The study of Colonial Society in 1763, British imperial policy and the American response, the war for independence, effects of the Revolution on American ideas and institutions.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Explain the primary causes of the American Revolution.
2. Examine and analyze historical explanations of the American Revolution.
3. Acquire the analytical skills used in recovering, researching, and writing about the history of the American Revolution.
4. Describe the economic issues that prompted the colonists to rebel against Britain.
5. Define the political institutions of the colonies and the differing attitudes in Britain and the colonies towards the role of government in the colonies.
6. Analyze the diversity of the American colonies and how that diversity contributed the events of the Revolutionary era.
7. Develop informed conclusions and judgments about the events and people that shaped the era of the American Revolution.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will complete book reviews and essay examinations testing their knowledge of the American Revolution. Students will also discuss interpretations and explanations of historical evidence in class.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will synthesize materials from various sources to complete book reviews and construct answers to essay examinations. Students will be required to reach their own conclusions regarding historical evidence and to support those conclusions through well-constructed arguments.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will gain a greater appreciation for the diversity of the American colonies during the Revolutionary era. Students will further study slavery and British imperial policy and the influences of these factors on the evolution of the American colonies.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Ideological Background
- B. Seven Years' War
- C. Parliamentary Attempts at Taxation
- D. Colonial Responses to Taxation
- E. Intolerable Acts
- F. Outbreak of Hostilities
- G. Declaration of Independence
- H. French Assistance/Diplomacy of the war
- I. War in the West
- J. War in the South
- K. Treaty of Paris
- L. Articles of Confederation