

# Course Syllabus

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## Course Logistics and Instructor Contact Information

Course Title: The American Revolutionary Era  
Course Number and Section: HIST 5385.001  
Scheduled Class Days and Times: M, 6:00-8:45

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## Course Information

### Textbooks:

1. Anderson, Fred. The War that Made America. ISBN: 0-14-303804-4.
2. Unger, Harlow Giles. Lion of Liberty: Patrick Henry and the Call to a New Nation. ISBN: 978-0-306-82046-5.
3. Smith, Richard Norton. Patriarch: George Washington and the New American Nation. ISBN: 0-395-85512-8.
4. Kerber, Linda K. Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America. ISBN: 978-0-8078-4632-2.
5. Ferling, John. Jefferson and Hamilton: The Rivalry that Forged a Nation. ISBN: 978-1-60819-528-2.
6. Borneman, Walter. War of 1812: The War that Forged a Nation. ISBN: 9780060531133.

**Methods of Evaluation:** The student is responsible for mastering the content of the course. This will be demonstrated through a series of essays and discussions. The student will write and submit six book reviews and six article reviews over the course of the semester. The student is required to submit all of the reviews, not just "take a week off" on a book and an article. Format for the reviews will be discussed in class. Each student will submit an

electronic copy via Canvas. The reviews should be date and time stamped at the start of class (6:00 PM prompt). .

The instructor will deduct points for papers arriving late during class, and letter grades for each day late following

class. Nonetheless, the student is still required to submit a review even if it is a week late and will receive an "F."

All reviews are required for successful completion of the course.

Book Review #1 – 5%

Book Review #2 – 10%

Book Review #3 – 10%

Book Review #4 – 10%

Book Review #5 – 10%

Book Review #6 – 10%

Article Review #1 – 5%

Article Review #2 – 5%

Article Review #3 – 5%

Article Review #4 – 5%

Article Review #5 – 5%

Article Review #6 – 5%

Bibliographic Essay -- 15%

## Methods of Instruction: Classroom discussion.

**Attendance:** All students are expected to attend every class meeting. According to University policy, the student is allowed one excused absence; however the day's assignments are due in the instructor's hands whether you are in attendance or not. If you cannot attend class, make sure your reviews do. Send in your electronic copy time stamped by class time. The paper copies may be submitted no later than the next week. Because discussions are a vital part of graduate classes, and every week is a discussion, your absence hurts the knowledge and understanding of the entire class. As such—an absence penalty will be deducted from your submitted paper—unless the instructor deems the absence valid (i.e. university or department sponsored event; or some calamity that in my opinion justifies non-attendance).

**Behavior:** All students will maintain respect and courtesy for their classmates and for the instructor. Do not use

paggers, cell phones, communicators, signal fires, or other disruptive communicative devices during class. Turn off

such annoying hindrances to the learning process before class begins. Frequent violations of this rule will result in a lowered class participation grade and egregious violations may result in the instructor lowering the student's

semester grade. No profanity, sleeping, talking that interrupts the instructor, lewd, rude,

or socially unacceptable behavior (and even some socially acceptable behavior may not be allowed in class). “Free love” should not be practiced in this class—hands off others and yourself. Remember, although the United States practices democracy in the form of a representative constitutional republic, this class is a benevolent dictatorship. If student conduct becomes unacceptable, the instructor will ask the student to leave and not return.

## Calendar:

Jan. 09 Syllabus and Introduction  
Jan. 16 MLK Holiday---No Class  
Jan. 23 Anderson, *War that Made America* Book Review Due  
Jan. 30 Causes of the American Revolution Article Review Due  
Feb. 06 Unger, *Lion of Liberty* Book Review Due  
Feb. 13 Cause of the American Revolution #2 Article Review Due  
Feb. 20 Smith, *Patriarch* Book Review Due  
Feb. 27 Confederation and Constitution Article Review Due  
Mar. 06 Kerber, *Women of the Republic* Book Review Due  
Mar. 13 Spring Break--No Class  
Mar. 20 Federalist Article Review Due  
Mar. 27 Ferling, *Jefferson and Hamilton* Book Review Due  
Apr. 03 Jeffersonian Article Review Due  
Apr. 10 Borneman, *War of 1812* Book Review Due  
Apr. 17 War of 1812 Article Review Due  
Apr. 24 Bibliographic Essay Due

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# Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Mon Jan 23, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Anderson Book Review #1</a>	du
Mon Jan 30, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Causes of the American Revolution Article Review #1</a>	du
Mon Feb 6, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Unger Lion of Liberty Book Review #2</a>	du
Mon Feb 13, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Causes of the American Revolution Article Review #2</a>	du
Mon Feb 20, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Smith Patriarch Book Review #3</a>	du
Mon Feb 27, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Confederation and Constitution Article Review #3</a>	du
Mon Mar 6, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Kerber, Women of the Republic Book Review #4</a>	du
Mon Mar 20, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Federalist Article Review #4</a>	du
Mon Mar 27, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Ferling, Jefferson and Hamilton Book Review #5</a>	du
Mon Apr 3, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Jeffersonian Article Review #5</a>	du
Mon Apr 10, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Borneman, War of 1812 Book Review #6</a>	du
Mon Apr 17, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">War of 1812 Article Review #6</a>	du
Mon Apr 24, 2023	Assignment <a href="#">Bibliographic Essay</a>	du