

Course Logistics and Instructor Contact Information

Course Title: The American Revolutionary Era
Course Number and Section: HIST 4385.001
Scheduled Class Days and Times: MWF, 10:10 - 11:05

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Office Hours: Days/Times AND by appointment: 11:30-1:30 MW; 5-6 M. Other times by appointment. Office hours will be virtual or in-person.

Office Hours Zoom: 974 581 2321 (Passcode: 2023Spring)
Class Zoom:

Course Information

Textbook:

Anderson, Fred. *The War that Made America*. Penguin-Rand. ISBN: 9780143038047.
Unger, Harlow Giles. *Lion of Liberty: Patrick Henry and the Call to a New Nation*. Hatchette. ISBN: 9780306820465.

Method of Instruction:

Lecture is the primary teaching method. I will hold face-to-face lectures in the assigned classroom on the assigned days unless the Administration changes their current policies. Face-to-Face is THE designated method of delivery for this class. I understand your concerns in these trying times and I will, however, make accommodations for those either not vaccinated and/or fearful of being around other people and will make Zoom sessions available. The lectures will also be recorded and posted to Canvas. By necessity these recordings will be posted a few hours or even a day after the class ends--the recordings are not a substitute for attending either in person or virtually--they are for your note taking convenience and review. I may well contact each of you via zoom for one-on-one conferences and/or discussions. If we have an outbreak of COVID or some other crisis on campus and/or around the state and once again, all classes will transition to a totally online model if needed. IF this should happen, I will continue with the Zoom sessions; however, since I live in a rural area, my internet connection is not always the best for live Zoom. I may record the videos at home and post them for you to watch and/or I may post lecture videos from past classes that cover the topic. You will be advised as to the mode of delivery if this should become necessary.

Methods of Evaluation:

The student's mastery of the subject material will be determined through exams. An exam will be given in class on each scheduled test day. Do not be late—it will reduce the amount of time you have to complete the exam. The Class Participation grade I determine based upon online participation or in-class participation, my evaluation of your participation in class discussions and behavior. For those attending Face-to-Face an attendance sheet will be passed; for those watching on Zoom, I will inform you of when to text the word of the day. Your texted response will be your attendance. Each exam will be based upon the content of lectures, discussions, and your readings. Test format will be essays. I will send a link via Canvas/Email giving you the exam questions. For exams one and two, you will have one hour 10:05 to 11:05 AM to complete and return the exam. I will send the link at 10:05 AM. You have one hour to complete the exams. The exception is the Final Exam which will be two hours in length.

Graded Assignments:

Exam #1:	25%
Exam #2:	30%
Final Exam:	35%
Class Participation:	10%

Grade Standard:

A = 90-100
B = 80 - 89
C = 70 - 79
D= 60 - 69
F = 0 - 59

Attendance:

All students are expected to attend and/or watch every class meeting. In class, I will have a sign-in sheet. On line, I will give a word of the day that you will enter into the chat when directed to do so. Failure to do so will be counted as an absence. Make-up exams will be given only to students with, in the opinion of the instructor, a valid reason for missing the exam. Each student is only allowed one make-up exam; all other missed exams will receive a zero. Make-up exams will not receive the in-class benefits of bonus questions and/or a grade curve (if given). Failure to take the make-up will result in a zero for that exam.

Behavior:

Whether face-to-face or via live video, all students will maintain respect and courtesy for their classmates and for the instructor. 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. 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.