The Colonial period is the formative phase of the history of the United States. It is in this period that the foundation of the American civilization, tradition, and culture was laid. In this course we will first survey the period briefly, highlighting major events and analyzing the nature, characteristics, and significance of early America. We will then take the topical approach and examine all the important topics of early American society, such as colonial politics, economy, family, religion, education, law, women and gender, and American English and literature. Early American history is largely a story of immigrants, and, therefore, close attention will be paid to various immigrant and ethnic groups, including blacks and American Indians, and their accomplishments.

I. Reading List

1. Reich, Colonial America, 6th ed. (2011)
5. Anderson, Creatures of Empire (2005)

II. The basic format of the course will consist of lectures, discussion sessions, and students’ oral presentations on the topics of their choosing. Discussion will be based upon the readings above, which will be specifically assigned for particular days. The final semester grade will be based upon the following:

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<td>Hour examination (7th week)</td>
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<td>Discussion participation, oral reports, and quizzes</td>
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Make-up Examination (for the hour-examination) will be given on Thursday, May 9 at 3:00pm in LA 122.
III. Class Attendance Is Required. It is important that students attend all the
teaches and students' reports because they will contain a great deal of
information that is not found in the readings. Irregular attendance at class
may result in dismissal from the class or in the denial of permission to take the
final examination. Those students who have to miss more than four (4)
sessions are advised not to take this course. Tardiness will not be tolerated.
Attendance does not simply mean the physical presence in the classroom.
Students are expected to concentrate on lectures, to take copious notes, and to
engage in class discussion.

IV. Office and Office Hours:

   Liberal Arts Building, Room 131
   M, 7:50-9pm,
   TR, 7:30-9am and 7:20-8pm,
   and by appointment

   Weekly office hours are set aside to provide students with the
   opportunity to talk with the instructor, usually on a walk-in basis. Students
   are encouraged to ask questions about class topics and oral reports, to
   extend the class discussion, or to get to know the instructor better.