The American Revolution is one of the most important events in American history. In this course, an attempt will be made to understand the event in a broad and global perspective. Major topics to be covered are the colonial background of the American Revolution, the main causes of the breakdown of the Anglo American political system, the development of American political principles, the War for Independence and social readjustment, the role of minorities and ethnic groups, the diplomacy of the Revolution, the establishment of the Constitution and the new government, the rise of political parties, the Federalist and Jeffersonian administrations, the War of 1812, and the emergence of national character.

I. Reading List
2. Becker, The Declaration of Independence (1922)
4. Jameson, The American Revolution Considered as a Social Movement (1920)

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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<th>Component</th>
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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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<td>Final Examination (Th., May 16, 7-9:45pm)</td>
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Total: 600 points

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 lectures 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.