HISTORY 4410
COLONIAL AMERICA TO 1763
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Course Communication:

By far, the best way to reach me outside of class is via e-mail. Please NO TEXT MESSAGES! I may only respond to you if you are using a proper KSU e-mail address (see paragraph below). Please bear in mind that I check my e-mail several times during the day, but will not check it between the hours of 8:00 P.M and 8:00 A.M. Note that some matters require face-to-face meetings. I will not discuss grades, course standings or other issues of a complicated or personal nature via e-mail.

Electronic Communications.

The University provides all KSU students with an “official” email account with the address “students.kennesaw.edu.” As a result of federal laws protecting educational information and other data, this is the sole email account you should use to communicate with your instructor or other University officials.

Course Description:
Starting in the pre-Columbian period, this course covers the American experience until 1763. It looks at Native American life, colonization and settlement by the Spanish, French and English, interaction with the Atlantic world, and the wars for imperial dominance fought in North America until 1763. Issues explored include class structure and family life, religion, politics, intellectual movements, society and culture, slavery, and treatment of minorities.
Learning Objectives:

- Students will demonstrate in depth knowledge of the period of colonial settlement and development through quizzes, exams and participation in class discussion.
- Students will demonstrate an ability to analyze primary sources effectively.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of historiography in discussing historical problems through their work on a historiographical essay.

Required Reading:

Karen Kupperman, *Major Problems in American Colonial History*
3rd Edition
ISBN #: 978-0-495-91299-6

Stanley N. Katz, et. al., *Colonial America: Essays in Politics and Social Development*
6th Edition

Assignments: **IMPORTANT!!!!!**

The reading assignments will be announced on a week-by-week basis. I will announce these readings in class AND post them on my website as well as D2L Bright Space on Thursday afternoons by 3:00 P.M. I will also announce your quizzes and discussions one week in advance (quiz dates are also listed in the syllabus).

NOTE: **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE WEBSITE or D2L ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR THESE ASSIGNMENTS!**

Attendance:

Attendance is required in this course. It is the best way to insure that you will do well! Therefore, you are allowed **three absences** throughout the semester. I will make no distinction between “excused” and “unexcused”. After three absences, I
will deduct three points from your final grade for every class you miss beyond these “freebies.” If you must miss a class day due to illness or family emergency, it is your responsibility to get the class notes you missed from a fellow student. I will not, under any circumstances provide students with my personal notes!

A NOTE ABOUT LATESNESS: I know that from time to time some of you will be late for class. Yet I always have a few students who are late for every single class. When you arrive late you disrupt the class and the learning process. You should also know that I will be giving quizzes at the beginning of the class period. If you arrive late to class on a quiz day, you will not be allowed to take the quiz. Please be mindful of this and do your best to arrive to class on time. IF FOR SOME REASON YOU KNOW YOU WILL BE LATE FOR CLASS EVERY DAY, PLEASE TELL ME THIS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER. I CAN MAKE EXCEPTIONS IF I KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Electronic Devices Policy:
All cell phones and similar devices should be turned off and put away during class time. I will allow lap tops for note taking purposes only. If I see a student using his/her laptop for any other purpose, I will ask that student to leave. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO USE YOUR SMARTPHONES FOR NOTE TAKING! Please note that no electronics are permitted in the classroom during examinations.

Assessment:
There will be two examinations, a midterm and a final. I will explain more about the exams in the next few weeks.

Please Note: Material covered in lecture and ALL READINGS IS FAIR GAME FOR EXAMS. Make sure you have good notes and that you keep up with the reading. In addition, there will be quizzes every other week over course material.

A word about leaving the room during an exam: IF YOU LEAVE THE CLASSROOM DURING AN EXAM, YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THE EXAM! YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM AND CONTINUE YOUR WORK. SO DO WHAT YOU
HAVE TO DO (GET A DRINK, GO TO THE BATHROOM, etc.) BEFORE THE EXAM BEGINS! As with all of my other policies, should you have a good reason for leaving the classroom during an exam and you can provide me with documentation of your reason, I will make an exception.

In addition to the exams, I will give five quizzes through the course of the semester. The quizzes will cover the readings and will ask you to compare different readings.

Finally, you will be writing a historiographical essay (8-10 pages, 12-point, double-space typed) on a topic approved by me. I will give you a separate handout about this assignment. The due dates for topic approval and for the final draft of the essay are in the Important Dates for your Calendar section. Failure to meet the topic approval deadline will result in a 5-point reduction on the final paper. I WILL NOT ACCEPT LATE PAPERS!! IF YOU MISS THE DUE DATE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A “0” FOR THE ASSIGNMENT! I will also provide you with a grading rubric for the essay. You will find that on my website and on D2L Bright Space. The instructor reserves the right to use plagiarism detection services such as TurnItIn.Com or the feature in Dropbox.

Make-up Exam Policy:

If for any family or medical reason you find it absolutely necessary to miss an examination or quiz, you must contact me before the exam or quiz and have my consent to your absence. Failure to do so will result in a zero for the assignment. In addition, with the exception of extreme cases there will be no early or make-up finals! As with all other exams and quizzes, you must contact me in advance should an extreme emergency arise.

The Department will host a day for makeup exams for students with excused absences at the end of each semester. Students will need to bring an ID to the makeup exam. If I can fine no other time to proctor a make-up, we will use this time. For Fall Semester 2015 makeups will be proctored Friday 4 December from 1-4 pm SO 2036.

Method of Determining Final Course Grade:

Midterm Exam: 20%
Final Exam: 20%
Paper: 25%
Quizzes: 20%
Participation: 15%

Grading Scale:
- 90-100%   A
- 80-90%     B
- 70-80%     C
- 60-70%     D
- 60%-0%     F

I—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair’s office.

Academic Integrity Statement

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section 5. C of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the university’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to university materials, misrepresentation/falsification of university records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement. See also https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct.

If you are found cheating on an exam or quiz, you will fail that assignment with a “0.” It’s as plain as that. DON’T CHEAT!

“Cheating” also includes plagiarism! This will not be tolerated under any circumstances. When in doubt, cite! If you are unclear about this, you may ask me
or visit one of the web sites listed below.

Examples of Plagiarism Avoidance websites:

http://plagiarism.org/

http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml

http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html

Another great resource to help you with your essay is the Writing Center. Here is their statement.

“The KSU Writing Center helps students in all majors improve their writing. Experienced, friendly writing assistants help with topic development, revision, research, documentation, grammar, and more. For more information or to make an appointment, visit writingcenter.kennesaw.edu or stop by English Building, Room 242.”

ADA Compliance:

Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require “reasonable accommodation(s)” to complete the course may request those from Office of Student Disability Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Office of Student Disability Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or taking course quizzes or exams. Students may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations. Student Disability Services is located in the Carmichael Student Center in Suite 267. Please visit the Student Disabilities Services website at www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/sds for more information, or call the office at 470-578-6443.
Suggestions to help you in the course:

It is very important that you attend lecture and take good notes. Simply sitting and staring at me will not do you any good. Be prepared to be attentive and to take a boatload of notes! 😊 We will also be having discussions over the readings every week. You need to come to class with the readings completed, ready to discuss them with your fellow students.

Use of tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) is prohibited on this campus.

If you do not understand a course requirement or course material, please ask about it. You will have several opportunities to do this. You can ask questions at any time during lecture or discussion. I will also be available to you in my office during the listed times. If you do not understand the grading of your assignments, please seek clarification at the earliest opportunity. E-mail messages are not appropriate. Such matters should be discussed face to face.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- Thursday, September 3rd — Quiz 1
- Thursday, Sept. 17th — Quiz 2
- **Thursday, Sept. 17th**— deadline to choose topic! Failure to meet this deadline will result in a 5-point reduction on the final paper grade.
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST MID-TERM EXAM!!!
- WEDNESDAY OCT. 7TH: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PENALTY
- Thursday, Oct. 15th — Quiz 3
- Thursday, October 29th — Quiz 4
- **Thursday, Nov. 5th**— Deadline for rough draft submission (optional)
- Thursday, Nov. 12th—Quiz 5
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**—FINAL PAPER DUE!!
- Tuesday, Nov. 24th and Thursday Nov. 26th—FALL BREAK!!
- Thursday, Dec. 3rd—Our last class meeting.

**FINAL EXAM:** TUESDAY, DEC. 8TH, 3:30-5:30