

Department: HISTORY

Course number: 3502 W

Course title: Colonial Amer: 1492-1760

Credits: 3

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Q/W: W

Catalog Copy:HIST 243W. Colonial Amer: 1492-1760. 3 credits. Open to juniors or higher.The legacy of Columbus, creative survival of native Americans in the face of disease and warfare, religious utopianism and the profit motive in colonization. The growth of a distinctive Anglo-American political culture, gender and family relations, and the entrenchment of a racial caste system.

#### W Criteria

1. The course requires two papers of 7 pages each, and 2 papers of 3 pages each. These are due roughly every 3 weeks, and are analytical responses to an interpretive question posed by the instructor about primary and secondary sources we have been discussing in class. The papers account for 65% of the grade, and another 10% reflect students' performance on e-postings and in-class writings.
2. The primary modes of writing instruction include: 1) workshops held in class on good writing practices, organizing essays, and documentation; 2) extensive written feedback on all papers, from the instructor; 3) individual conferences to discuss Papers 1 and 2.
3. The course requires all students to submit a re-write of Papers 1 & 2, after meeting with the instructor for a conference.

4. The syllabus informs students that they must pass the "W" component of the course in order to pass the course.