A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 07 - Human Diversity

During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, American Indians, European settlers and African slaves forged a new society. Emphasizing experiences of accommodation and conflict among diverse peoples in early North America, this course offers a multicultural perspective on the colonial era. The course explores the expansion of European settlers into North America; the comparative development of French, Spanish and British societies; diplomacy and war among Europeans and American Indians; the origins of slavery; and the impact of gender in colonial society.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - 05/04/2002 05/04/2002 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understand Indian/white relations, the establishment of European settlement and the political and social development of the colonies, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
2. Understand regional, racial and ethnic diversity in the context of early North American history, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
3. Understand the history of slavery, work and labor in the Atlantic economy, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
4. Understand the political, economic, social and cultural factors that led to the onset of the colonial resistance to British imperial rule, the outbreak of the revolutionary war and the creation of the United States of America, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 07 - Human Diversity
1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
3. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.

4. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

G. Special Information

None