

HIST 501: Colonial America—1607 to 1783

Early American history remains relevant for historians due to the brevity of American history, as well as the fascinating personages who comprise this era. The Colonial and Revolutionary period crucially laid the foundation for much of what remains in the United States today. The successes of the Founding Fathers in eradicating monarchy and establishing a new government contrasts with their failure to end the evil of slavery. Recently, scholarship surrounding this period has included the influences of women and gender, imperial history, and themes such as the Atlantic World. This course should lay a foundation for not only the history of this period, but the historiography concerning different themes during the Colonial/Revolutionary era. At the end of this course, students should leave with a more nuanced view of the themes and figures surrounding this period.

Credits: 3

Program: Education