History 2665: The American Revolutionary Era, Fall 2016

- As we approach the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the origins, character, and results of the American Revolution, as well as engaging the enduring significance of its memory in contemporary American life – why do we choose to remember the American Revolution in ways that obscure its divisive and bloody events? The course explores many of the key themes of this critical period in American history: the rise of opposition to Britain, the nature of the Revolutionary War, and the republican experiment that followed the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

- The course emphasizes student interaction with documentary materials from the Revolutionary era, along with up-to-date scholarly interpretations with an eye toward analyzing the "as lived" experiences of women and men, "everyday people" and famous leaders, Native Americans, African-Americans, and those who opposed the Revolution.

- Course work will include analysis of contemporary public memory of the Revolution, discussion sections, two examinations, a research essay, and two short reflection papers on primary documents.

- Class meets MW, 11:15-12:05, w/F sections
- meets pre-1800 (HIST) and pre-1900 (AMST) requirements
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