Introduction
Following exploratory voyages in the sixteenth century, both England and France established permanent colonies in North America (Jamestown and Quebec) in the first decade of the seventeenth century. For the next two hundred and forty years, the two European powers strove to displace the other as master of the continent. This course compares the political, economic, and social contrasts and similarities in the development of British and French colonial America in order to better understand the divergent traditions, approaches, and experiences that have resulted in multiple "nations" inhabiting the North American continent. Emphasis will be placed on critical comparative historical analysis of a variety of documentary, secondary, and visual sources.

Learning Goals
Upon successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- better understand the deep historical roots of North America’s connections with the wider world
- compare and contrast in critical fashion the nature of English and French approaches to North American colonization
- comprehend the reciprocal impact of encounters between colonizers and indigenous peoples on both parties
- debunk popular myths about American “exceptionalism” and to appreciate the complex emergence of North America’s existing nations and nation-states
- compose convincing critical interpretations of primary documents, visual sources, and secondary scholarship

Requirements: weekly readings will average 175 pp. in total
-the final grade will be based on:
  - focused comparison papers (3) - 25%
  - class participation/film reviews - 15%
  - prelim exam - 15%
  - comparative research essay (12-15 pp.) - 25%
  - final exam - 20%
Text Readings (available for purchase in the bookstore):
Eccles, The French in North America, 1500-1783
Longfellow, Evangeline
McConville, The King's Three Faces
Moogk, La Nouvelle France
Sarson, British America, 1500-1800

Policies:
Participation is evaluated in weekly section meetings on the basis of regular attendance, completion of required readings, and making meaningful contributions to class discussions and activities. Students with more than one unexcused absence from discussion sections will have their final grade penalized by ¼ point (i.e., -0.25 off the top of the grade) per absence. Chronic lateness (i.e. more than three times in the course of the semester) will result in the same penalty. Grades on late papers and assignments will be reduced by ¼ point for every subsequent 24 hour period until the work is submitted (unless arrangements have been made no less than 48 hours prior to the due date). You will not receive a passing grade in the course if you fail to submit the final research essay and/or write the final examination.

Schedule of Meetings
*(assigned readings noted below to be completed prior to relevant class meetings)*

Key to Readings:
[doc] = electronic version of document available under "Course Documents" button in Blackboard site
[e-journal] = reading found in electronically-subscribed journal via Cornell Library Gateway
[e-res] = electronic version of reading available via Blackboard site (Reserve readings)
[web] = link accessible under "External Links" button in Blackboard site

Week 1
1. Friday 8/29
Introduction

Week 2
2. Monday 9/1
Comparative Approaches
-[web] Peterson, "How and Why to Read Francis Parkman"
-[e-res] Watts, In This Remote Country
3. Wednesday 9/3

Comparative Overviews

- [e-res] Boulle/Thompson, "France Overseas," in Doyle, ed., Old Regime France

4. Friday 9/5

Search for the Northwest Passage

-French in North America, 1-31

- [e-res] Quinn, "North America: A Last Resort?" in Quinn, European Approaches to North America
- [doc] "The Northwest Passage Search"
- [doc] "Jacques Cartier’s River Route…"

Week 3

5. Monday 9/8

Sixteenth Century Failures: French Florida and English Roanoke

-British America, 1500-1800, 1-18

- [e-res] Sauer, Sixteenth Century North America
- [doc] "French Florida, 1562-80"
- [doc] Hariot, "Briefe and True Report…"

6. Wednesday 9/10

Islands

-British America, 1500-1800, 19-48

- [e-res] Reid, "European Expectations of Acadia and the Bermudas"

7. Friday 9/12

Samuel de Champlain’s New France

-La Nouvelle France, ix-15

-French in North America, 20-31

-[doc] "Foundation of French Canada"
-[doc] Champlain, "Program of Colonization"

Week 4

8. Monday 9/15

Captain John Smith’s Virginia

-British America, 1500-1800, 49-80

-[doc] "Beginnings of Virginia"
-[doc] Smith, "Journey to Pamaunke"
-[doc] Waterhouse, "Declaration…"

-film clip "The New World" (viewing in class)
9. Wednesday 9/17

Comparing Jamestown and Québec, 400 Years On
- [e-res] Sayre, Les Sauvages Américains
- [e-res] Groulx, "In the Shoes of Champlain," in Litalien/Vaugeois, Champlain: The Birth of French America

10. Friday 9/19

The Settlement of New England before 1660
- British America, 1500-1800, 120-49
- [doc] Bradford, Of Plymouth Plantation
- [doc] Cushman, "Reasons and Considerations"
- [doc] "The Enforcement of Values"

Week 5
11. Monday 9/22

Jesuit Missions in Huronia
- La Nouvelle France, 17-50
- [doc] "Blueprint of Religious Colonization"
- [doc] "The Huron Apocalypse"
  - film clip "Black Robe" (viewing in class)

12. Wednesday 9/24

Social Life in 17th Century New France
- La Nouvelle France, 87-142
- French in North America, 32-65
- [doc] Marie Guyart Martin, "Letters to Her Son"
- [doc] "The Establishment of a Poor Board"
- [doc] "Advice to the Governor and his Wife…"
- [doc] "The Soldiers' Licentious Morals"

13. Friday 9/24

Social Life in the 17th Century English Colonies
- [doc] "Men and Women in New England and the Chesapeake"
- [doc] Shephard, "Letter to His Son at College"
- [doc] Revel, "The Unhappy Transported Felon"
Week 6
14. Monday 9/29
Métissage (or not)
-[e-res] "Subsidized Intermarriage with the Indians"
-[e-res] Smits, "Abominable Mixture"
-[doc] "The Policy of Frenchification"

15. Wednesday 10/1
Colbert's Reforms in New France
-La Nouvelle France, 53-86
-French in North America, 66-99
-[doc] "The Regiment of Carignan-Salières"
-[doc] "French Imperial Policy"

16. Friday 10/3
Crises and Attempts at Reform in the English Colonies
-British America, 1500-1800, 189-99, 210-21
-The King's Three Faces, 1-48
-[doc] "King Philip’s War"
-[doc] "Bacon’s Rebellion"

Week 7
17. Monday 10/6
Colonial Anomalies: Pennsylvania and Illinois
-British America, 1500-1800, 150-88

18. Wednesday 10/8
The English Caribbean Colonies
-British America, 1500-1800, 81-119
-[e-res] Burnard, "Theater of Terror," in Daniels/Kennedy, eds., Over the Threshold
-[doc] Ligon, True and Exact History of the Island of Barbados
-[doc] Ward, "A Trip to Jamaica"

19. Friday 10/10
The French Slave Colonies: Louisiana and the Caribbean
-French in North America, 165-97
-[doc] "The Foundation of Louisiana"
-[doc] "The Importance of Louisiana"
Week 8
19. Monday 10/13
[FALL BREAK: no class meeting]

20. Wednesday 10/15
IN-CLASS PRELIM

21. Friday 10/15
*Imperial Conflict, Phase I: 1689-1713*
- French in North America, 100-64
- British America, 1500-1800, 199-202
- [doc] Madelaine de Vercheres, "Memoir"
- [doc] Mather, Decennium Luctuosum

Week 9
22. Monday 10/20
*New France in the Era of Peace, 1713-1744*
- La Nouvelle France, 143-233
- [doc] Charlevoix, "Letters III and X"
- [doc] "The Army as an Industry of Importance…"

23. Wednesday 10/22
*Urban Life*
- [web] "Early American Cities" [read articles on New Orleans, Québec, Boston, and Philadelphia]

24. Friday 10/22
*Growing Cohesion Among the Anglo-American Colonies?*
- The King's Three Faces, 49-104
- [e-journal] Zuckerman, "Authority in Early America," Early American Studies 1 (Fall 2003): 1-29

Week 10
25. Monday 10/27
*Metropolitan Relations at Midcentury*
- British America, 1500-1800, 202-6
- The King's Three Faces, 105-69
- [e-res] Price, "Who Cared About the Colonies?" in Bailyn/Morgan, eds., Strangers Within the Realm
26. Wednesday 10/29

*The Contest for the Ohio Valley*


-[doc] "The Nature of Colonial Aspirations"

-[doc] "Britain Rebuked"

-[doc] "The Growth of Louisiana"

-[doc] "The Opening of Hostilities"

27. Friday 10/31

*The Great War for Empire*

-[British America, 1500-1800, 206-10]

-[The King's Three Faces, 170-219]


Week 11

28. Monday 11/3

*The Acadian Expulsion*

-[Evangeline, foreword, preface, intro, 3-55]

-[doc] "The Acadian Dilemma"

-[doc] "Deportation of the Acadians"

29. Wednesday 11/5

*Conquest and Cession of Canada*

-[French in North America, 198-234]


-[doc] "The Fall of New France"

-[doc] "The Ruin of Canada"

30. Friday 11/7

*Postwar Integration of Quebec into the British Empire*

-[The King's Three Faces, 220-80]


-[doc] Pownall, "The Administration of the Colonies"

-[doc] "A Program of Radical Reconstruction"

-[doc] "The Abundant Blessings of British Rule"

-[doc] "The Quebec Act"

-[doc] "Hamilton's Letter on the Quebec Bill"
Week 12
31. Monday 11/10
Acadians to Cajuns
- Evangeline, 56-110
- La Nouvelle France, 265-81

32. Wednesday 11/12
Canada Invaded, 1775-76
- French in North America, 235-73
- British America, 1500-1800, 222-53
- The King's Three Faces, 281-316
- [doc] "The True Interest of America…"
- [doc] "The American Revolution"

33. Friday 11/14
The French Alliance in the American Revolution
- [e-res] York, "Clandestine Aid and the American Revolutionary War"
- [doc] "Treaty of Alliance, 1778"
- [doc] Comte d'Estaing, "Proclamation to the People of Canada"

Week 13
34. Monday 11/17
Revolution Rejected: Loyalists and Canada
- [e-res] McDonnell, "Other Loyalists"
- [doc] "Revolution Rejected: Why Did Nova Scotia Fail to Join?"
- [doc] "The Fate of the Loyalists"

35. Wednesday 11/19
Two Constitutions: The United States and the British Canadas
- British America, 1500-1800, 254-84
- [e-res] Mancke, "Another British America"
- [doc] "The Constitutional Act"
- [web] "The Constitution of the United States"

36. Friday 11/21
Conflict in the Northwest and the Jay Treaty
- [e-res] Valentine/McDougall, "The Discourse of British and US Treaties"
- [doc] "Opposing Viewpoints: The Jay Treaty"
Week 14
37. Monday 11/24
Emergent and Divergent National Identities

-e-res Grabb/Curtis/Baer, "Defining Moments and Recurring Myths"
-doc Crèvecoeur, "What is an American?"
-doc"Our Robinson Crusoe Sort of Life: Three Women in Upper Canada"

38. Wednesday 11/26
The Louisiana Purchase

-web Kennedy, "The Louisiana Purchase: Could it have been better?"
-doc "Opposing Viewpoints: Louisiana Purchase"

39. Friday 11/28
[THANKSGIVING BREAK: no class meeting]

Week 15
40. Monday 12/1
Origins of the War of 1812

-e-res Hitsman, Incredible War of 1812
-doc "Select Documents on the War of 1812"
-doc "A Second War of Independence"

41. Wednesday 12/3
The Incredible War of 1812 and its Aftermath

-e-res Bellesiles, "Experiencing the War of 1812," in Flavell/Conway, eds., Britain and America Go to War
-e-res Brown, Republic in Peril

42. Friday 12/5
Postwar America: Hemispheric Ambitions

-doc "Monroe's Message to Congress"
-doc "John Q. Adams's Diary Entry"
-doc "Johnson and Graham’s Lessee v. William McIntosh"

-Review for Final Exam

[ESSAY DUE IN CLASS]
SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS AND DUE DATES
*all assignments are due in class on the dates listed below:

FRI 9/12 - Document Analysis Paper 1
WED 9/24 - Essay Topic and Preliminary Bibliography
WED 10/15 - In-Class Prelim Exam
MON 10/27 - Document Analysis Paper 2
FRI 11/7 - Document Analysis Paper 3
FRI 11/21 - Essay First Draft (optional)
FRI 12/5 - Essay Final Draft
TBD - Final Examination (DATE, TIME, LOCATION TBD)
FRI 9/12 - Document Analysis Paper 1