

HIS 262
American Colonial Society

Satisfies: DIV, SBS, USA

Thematic Categories: “Arts, Ideas & Culture”

M/W 8:00 – 9:20 am

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This course is designed to address the political, economic, social, and cultural characteristics of the American colonies from their founding until their separation from Great Britain. Particular attention is devoted to the interaction of cultures and peoples in the making of colonial societies as reflected in the institution of slavery and ethnic, racial, and provincial identities. Additionally, this course will focus on the varieties of people across Europe, Africa, and the Americas and how their interactions created something new and unexpected. This course will progress from general themes to more specific topics, addressing the major colonial regions in the seventeenth century and then the larger world in which they developed to the eighteenth century.