

HIS 263
Age of the American Revolution, 1763-1787

SBCs: SBS, USA

Thematic Categories: "Arts, Ideas & Culture," "Empires, Violence & Global Connections,"
"Law, Politics & Social Justice"

M/W, M/W 9:30 am - 10:25 am
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This course traces the political, social, and economic developments that turned loyal subjects in the “Thirteen Colonies” at the end of the Seven Years War in 1763 into members of a new and independent union with the Ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. The course will focus on the causes, controversies, and enduring legacies of a conflict which has largely defined American identity since. It will do so through the perspective of a variety of groups-- from prominent supporters of the Crown to enslaved Africans to a multitude of groups all known as “patriots.” Topics will include the Stamp Act Crisis, the Nonimportation movement, the Global War for Independence, and the establishment of constitutional republics and political cultures during and after the War. Requirements include regular attendance and participation, in-class writing assignments, and two 1500-word papers.