



## Syllabus Card

Course	Level	Groups
Culture and Civilization	Second year	All groups

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Semester: One

Criteria	Presence	Exposé	Oral Test	Discipline	Interrogation
Mark (total 20)	5	5	2,5	2,5	5

➤ Presence (Compulsory)

### Course Syllabus

Weeks	Main Tracks
1	Theoretical background of the study of (US) History
2	General overview of colonization of the Americas
3	Early America and Christophe Columbus
4	Overview of English colonies
5	Native Americans and colonization
6	Slavery in the colonial history of America
7	Howard Zinn's views on colonization
8	The colony of Jamestown, Virginia
9	Smith, Pocahontas and the Powhatan tribe
10	Filming colonization: Terrence Malick's <i>The New World</i> (2005)
11	Religious groups and the Promised Land
12	The Massachusetts Bay Colony
13	Of Plymouth Colony
14	General conclusion: Towards the creation of a nation

### Description and objectives of the course

The 'Colonial History of America' course introduces the early modern colonization of the United States from the first European explorations in the late fifteenth century until the foundation of the small Plymouth Colony by William Bradford in 1620. The course aims at providing students with a general overview of the early history of the USA to enable them to engage in critical discussions about Colonial America. We will have access to a wide range of resources that include lectures, books, articles, web timelines, maps and visuals. They will help us understand the early history of the USA during colonization. By the end of the course, students should be able to analyze historical documents and maps and be familiar with key dates related to American colonization. They should also engage in critical discussions and write academic compositions about several aspects of Colonial America (1492 – 1620).

### Suggested Bibliography or further readings

- *An Outline of American History: Chapter 1: Early America and Chapter 2: The Colonial Period.*  
URL: <https://usa.usembassy.de/etexts/history/toc.htm>
- *BBC – Colonization history of the United States.*  
URL: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/topics/Colonization\\_history\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/topics/Colonization_history_of_the_United_States)
- *ThoughtCo. / A New World Discovered.* URL: <https://www.thoughtco.com/first-new-world-voyage-christopher-columbus-2136437>
- *U.S. History Timeline: Colonial America – 1600 - 1620.*  
URL: <https://www.infoplease.com/history/us/us-history-colonial-america-1600-1799>
- Malick, Terrence (dir.), *The New World*, USA, Sunflower Productions, 2005.
- Mauk, David and John Oakland, *American Civilization: An Introduction*, New York, Routledge, 2009.
- Zinn, Howard, *A People's History of the United States: 1492-Present*, New York, Harper Collins, 2001.