

History 01:512:350

From Colonies to Empire: American  
Foreign Relations to 1898

Fall 2022

*Course Synopsis*

Instructor: Richard Grippaldi, Ph.D.  
[rgrippal@rutgers.edu](mailto:rgrippal@rutgers.edu)

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:50am  
Frelinghuysen Hall A5 (College Ave Campus)

**Course Description:** This is a survey of American foreign relations from the colonists' conflicts with Native Americans to the Spanish-American War. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, territorial expansion; diplomatic principles; economic expansion; immigration, naturalization and citizenship; and the rise of the "New Empire."

**Special Permission Numbers:** The enrollment capacity for this course is set at the number of desks in the classroom. When the course closes, there will be literally nowhere for additional students to sit. DO NOT ASK FOR A SPECIAL PERMISSION NUMBER.

**Required Course Texts:** Print versions can be purchased from the campus bookstore, or special-ordered from your local bookstore or Internet bookseller. Electronic versions are acceptable – in fact, Rutgers University Libraries has made copies of two of the readings available electronically and free of charge – but know that reading assignments will refer to pages in the print versions.

Herring, George C. *Years of Peril and Ambition: U.S. Foreign Relations, 1776 – 1921*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. ISBN 9780190212469

(This book is the first half of Herring's *From Colony to Superpower: U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1776*. *From Colony to Superpower* is available via Rutgers University Libraries, at <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/lib/rutgers-ebooks/detail.action?docID=415323> )

Wooster, Robert. *The American Military Frontiers: The United States Army in the West, 1783 – 1900*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2009. ISBN 9780826338440

(This book is available via Rutgers University Libraries, at <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/lib/rutgers-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1104396> )

Students may also be asked to read a variety of journal articles and other primary sources, either available via Rutgers University Libraries or made available by the instructor.

**Assignments:** Students will be offered eleven opportunities to complete eight short essay quizzes, each worth 10 percent of their course average. Students will also complete a syllabus quiz, worth 10 percent of their course average. Finally, attendance (8 percent) and participation (2 percent) will also determine a small part of students' course average.

## Tentative Course Schedule

Course Introduction	September 8
British America (1607 – 1775)	September 12 & 15
The War for Independence (1775 – 1783)	September 19 & 22
The Confederation (1783 – 1789)	September 26
The Federalists (1789 – 1801)	September 29 & October 3
The Jeffersonians (1801 – 1812)	October 6 & 10
The War of 1812 (1812 – 1815)	October 13 & 17
Continental Expansion (1815 – 1861)	October 20, 24 & 27
Indian Removal (1815 – 1861)	October 31 & November 3
The War of the Rebellion (1861 – 1865)	November 7 & 10
Indian Wars (1865 – 1887)	November 14 & 17
The United States in the Wider World (1865 – 1898)	November 21 & Tuesday, November 22
NO CLASS	November 24
Classes that normally meet on Thursdays will meet on Tuesday, November 22. The University is closed Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving Recess.	
The Newest Emigrants (1865 – 1924)	November 28
The Spanish-American War & the “New Empire” (1898 – ca. 1950)	December 1 & 5
Course Conclusion	December 8
Makeup Day (if necessary)	December 12

**Questions?** Students with interest in or questions about the course are encouraged to contact the instructor.