

This trimester course is the first in a three trimester series on the history of women in the United States. We will begin by quickly exploring the place women have held in European history. While women have been present throughout history, their specific role in history often has been overlooked. This course will try to present a more balanced view by exploring the many roles women have played including the specific roles of women in everyday life. The course will also look at the roles of Native women and African women both in their own worlds and in the world of colonial America. In an overview of European traditions that will form the basis of our study, we will look at the role of women as the lady of the manor, women in the church, town women and cool female rulers of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. We will spend time looking closely at the building of colonial America and how important women were to the ultimate success of the colonies and the American Revolution. We will also spend time exploring the jobs and responsibilities of women directly, so be prepared to be an active learner. Students should be prepared to maintain a notebook, complete both reading and writing assignments, including research projects, and be willing to express their thoughts in class discussions if they wish to obtain credit for this course.

Lateness Policy: It is expected that you will arrive on time to class as well as complete and hand in all written assignments by the due date. Any student who fails to hand in three assignments on time will be given an extra assignment to complete. Any student who is late to class five times will be given an extra assignment. Also, you are not allowed to leave class during the first fifteen minutes of the class. If there is a time when you will have to miss class due to an outside obligation, please see me as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements to keep you up to date in the class.

Each student is expected to maintain a notebook for this class. In this notebook, you are expected to keep careful notes, your reading materials and handouts. You should also have a safe place or folder for completed assignments. Maintaining your notebook in this fashion will not only assist you in completing the Final Extravaganza, but also will help you prepare for the history section of the comp and keep work safe for your portfolio. **You can expect to take notes in every class...please have a writing utensil for every class!!!!**

Finally, we will be engaging in class discussions and debates this trimester...it is expected that all members of the class will participate and be respectful of each other's thoughts, questions, and opinions. This is essential to good conversations and discussions. Also, if at any time you feel that you need help, please see me...do not suffer in silence and do not wait until something is due to ask for help...that just makes me cranky!!!! I am available most days to help...ASK!!!