

**HIST 3750G, Winter 2026**  
**The Atlantic World, 1450-1700**  
**Draft Outline**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course investigates the social and cultural changes that flowed from contact between American, African and European peoples from the mid-15th to the later 17th centuries. Topics will include the initial conflicts among Europeans and Indigenous societies in Meso-America; the far-reaching demographic impact of intercontinental contact; the formation of Atlantic economic patterns often rooted in forced labor; and the reciprocal cultural impact of Atlantic encounters.

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

Students will build the following competencies and skills:

- Understand key events and concepts in the history of the Atlantic World.
- Consider the diverse relationships among European, Indigenous and African peoples in the Americas and elsewhere.
- Evaluate diverse forms of historical evidence and cultivate interpretive skills.
- Strengthen analytical writing skills for history and related disciplines.
- Engage with faculty and peers in a collaborative, respectful and stimulating environment.

**METHODS OF EVALUATION**

*Students must submit all written assignments and complete the final exam to pass the course.*

**Attendance and Participation:** 15%  
(includes marks for leadership of one discussion (5%) and participation (10%))

**Midterm Quiz:** 10%

**1000-1200 word primary source analysis:** 10%

**2500-word research essay. This will include several components:**

1-pg prospectus and research bibliography 10%

2500-word essay with footnotes and bibliography in Chicago Style 20%

5-minute oral presentation and discussion 10%

**Final Exam in designated university exam period:** 25%

Make-up tests, midterms, and exams can only be approved by Academic Advising.  
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