

Revolutionary America

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Supplemental syllabus for graduate students:

You will complete all off the reading assignments and writing assignments as listed on the undergraduate syllabus, but you will not take either exam. **Instead, you will undertake a research project on a topic of your choice.** You should use the days that we do not have class (when the undergraduate students are taking exams) to make progress on your project.

Proposal and outline: You will draft a 2-3 page proposal for a research paper. Your proposal will outline your topic, identify the research question you want to answer, address the historiographical significance of your topic, and discuss the primary and secondary sources you intend to use.

This is due in my e-mail inbox by September 14.

Annotated Bibliography: You will submit an annotated bibliography that includes at least 10 books and 5 articles relevant to your thesis. (The majority of these works should be published since 2000.) The bibliography will assess their value of these works to your research project. Write 2-4 sentences about the work's argument, what sources they use, what it leaves out, and how it relates to your project. Additionally, write 1-2 page explanation of your historiographical intervention.

This is due in my e-mail inbox by September 28.

5-7 page excerpt and outline: You will submit a 5-7 page excerpt of your paper along an outline of what comes before/after the excerpt. This excerpt can be any part of the larger paper.

This is due in my e-mail inbox by October 5.

Research Paper: You will write a polished 12-15 page research paper based on primary sources.

This is due in my e-mail inbox by November 9.