

History 401
American Urban History, 1607 to the 1870s
Fall 2003
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COURSE OUTLINE AND LECTURE TOPICS
(This is a “good faith” listing; topics may change)

| LECTURE TOPICS | DATE |
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| I. CITIES IN THE NEW WORLD | |
| 1. Introduction: The Problems of Urbanization | September 2 |
| 2. Patterns of American Colonial Urbanization | September 4 |
| 3. The Town Builders of Plymouth: Inept Immigrants and Indians | September 9 |
| 4. Planting and Planning Cities in the New World | September 11 |
| 5. The Regulations of Urban Life | September 16 |
| 6. The "Sorts" of City Folk: Class Structure in Towns and Cities | September 18 |
| 7. Lowest of the "Sorts": Africans and the Institution of Slavery | September 23 |
| 8. Social Institutions in the Cities | September 25 |
| 9. Commercial Cities and the Rise of the Merchant Classes | September 30 |
| 10. The First Urban (Urbane?) American | October 2 |
| 11. Benjamin Franklin: Urban Leadership in the Eighteenth Century | October 7 |
| 12. The Workshops of the Revolution | October 9 |
| 13. Urban America in War and Peace | October 14 |
| 14. Federal Cities and the Constitution | October 16 |

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| Review Session for Mid-Term Examination | October 21 |
| ***** MID-TERM EXAMINATION ***** | October 23 |
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| II. CITIES IN THE NEW NATION | |
| 1. The Origins and Rise of Western Cities | October 28 |
| 2. Social Order in Frontier Urban America | October 30 |
| 3. The Urban Frontier of the Old South | November 4 |
| 4. Slaves and Free Blacks in Urban America | November 6 |
| 5. A Transportation Revolution | November 11 |
| 6. Dreamers and Schemers of Urban Imperialism | November 13 |
| 7. Urban Industrial Growth | November 18 |
| 8. Work and Workers in Urban America | November 20 |
| 9. Women, Work, Family, and "Class" in Urban America | November 25 |
| Thanksgiving Recess | November 27-30 |
| 10. Foreigners and the "Discovery" of Poverty | December 2 |
| 11. The Unhealthy City | December 4 |
| 12. The Southern Rim and the Civil War | December 9 |
| Review Session for Final Examination | December 11 |