

**Course:**

**HIST 503 Comparing Colonial American Frontiers**

**3 hours**

**Majors (Grad)**

Master of Arts in Historical Studies

**Departments/Programs:**

Historical Studies (Graduate)

An examination of the interaction between native cultures and the interlopers, or colonial powers, from Spain, France, and Russia. Students will examine precontact tribal societies in the Americas, precontact colonial powers and motivations for expansion, legal issues, contact and reactions, developing relations and power structures, issues of sovereignty and dominance, religion and religious conversion, shifting or resilience of social structures, economic development of the colonial powers, miscegenation, and long-term interaction.

*Prerequisite(s): HIST 501 Fundamentals of American History I.*