

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SOCIAL
HST 2105 SURVEY OF GUYANESE HISTORY 1

LEVEL: SECOND YEAR – FIRST
SEMESTER 4 CREDITS

Course Description

This course, designed for second year non-history majors, encompasses a study of the historical development in territorial areas now termed Guyana from the period of Pre_ Columbian societies to the cession to the British at the 1814 Peace Accord. The survey is a perusal of the main local and international socio-economic and political force which have influenced and shaped Dutch colonial enterprise in the Guiana colonies of Essequibo, Demerara and Berbice and of the force which influenced the early nineteenth century cessions. It includes the exploration, settlement and colonization of the Guyana region by the Dutch, the early economic and social formations, the first constitutional organs, the early political conflicts and the subsequent capture and transfer of suzerainty to the British in 1803 and 1814 respectively.

Course Objective

The objectives of this course are to:

- Introduce students to the major developments in early Guyanese History;
- Expose students to the underlying motives and consequences of the European colonial expansion on the Guiana coast;
- Help students understand the basic concepts relating to the early colonization and underdevelopment of the Guiana colonies;
- Encourage mature discussion and debate of some of the basic issues relative to colonial administrative and social organisation and economic development of the Guiana colonies.

These objectives will be achieved through a combination of lectures, discussion, seminars library researcher and essay writing.

Organization of the Academic Programme

The course will be offered over 60 hours

Lectures: 3 hour's × 15 weeks = 45 hours

Tutorials: 1 hour × 15 weeks = 15 hours **Total = 60 hours**

The weekly workload per student = 3 × 1 hour lectures + 1×1 hours tutorial = 4 hours.

Method of Assessment: course work = 40%; final examination = 60%

COURSE WORK REQUIREMENTS

Tutorial paper = 10%

Semester essay = 10%

In-class test 20%

Total = 40%

FINAL EXAMINATION: 1 × 3 hours paper = 3 questions × 20 marks = 60%

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1: The Amerindians in Guyana

Week 2: European Settlement and colonization

Week 3: Dutch Amerindians Relations

Week 4: Dutch colonial Economic Foundation

Week 5: The Administration of Laurens Storm vans Gravesande

Week 6: The Dutch Plantation system in Guyana

Week 7: Social Relationships in Slave Society

Week 8: Resistance and Revolt

Week 9: Dutch Colonial Society

In-class Test

Week 10: Women in Plantation Society

Week 11&12: Government and Politics in Dutch Colonial Society

Week 13&14: European Rivalry on the Guyana Coast

Week 15: Revision and EXAMINATION

