

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
HISTORY DIVISION

HST 1204 – COURSE OUTLINE

PRE-COLUMBIAN SOCIETY TO THE
ABOLITION OF SLAVERY - 4 CREDITS

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**HST 1204 - PRE-COLUMBIAN SOCIETY TO THE ABOLITION OF
SLAVERY
YEAR I - SECOND SEMESTER**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for students majoring in History under the Semester System, is intended to provide a basic knowledge of the main issues development in the history of the Caribbean from the pre-Columbian era to the abolition of slavery.

COURSE OUTLINES

1. Exposes students to the major developments in Caribbean History
2. Helps students to understand the basic concepts relating to the Historical process in the Caribbean
3. Encourages discussion and debate of some of the more sensitive areas of Caribbean History

These objectives will be activated through lecturers, discussions, tutorial sessions, library research and essay

ORGANISATION OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The course will be offered over	75 hours
Lectures 1 hour x 15 weeks	60 hours
Tutorials 1 hour x 15 weeks	15 hours
Total	- 75 hours

Weekly work load per student = hour lectures 1x1 hour tutorial = 15 hours

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

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| 1. Course work | 40% |
| 2. Final Examination | 60% |

COURSE WORK

1. Tutorial paper & essay	-	10%
2. In-course test	-	20%
3. Seminar/Book Review	-	10%

Total		40%

GRADING SYSTEM

75-100 A
65 – 74 B
55 - 64 C
45 – 54 D
0 – 44 F

**HST 124 – PRE-COLUMBIAN SOCIETY TO THE ABOLITION OF
SLAVERY
YEAR I - FIRST SEMESTER**

Course Outline

Basic Text

BECKLES, H. & SHEPHARD, **Caribbean Slave Economy and Society** (London Curtey, 1991)

Caribbean Freedom (London: Curtey, 1993)

COLLIER, Simon, **From Cortes to Castro: An Introduction to the History of Latin American, 1492-1973** (New York: Mac Millian, 1981)

KNIGHT, Franklin **the Caribbean: Genesis of a Fragmented Nationalism** (New York: Oxford University Press

MENEZES, M.N. **How to Do Better Research Georgetown: Demerara Publishers, 1990**

UNES - General History of the Caribbean

Week I:

Pre-Columbian Societies I

A. New World Migration Theory

Pre-Columbian Societies II

B. The Ciboney

C. The Arawak Society

Week 2:

Pre-Columbian Societies III

D. The Carib Society

E. The Mayan Society

F. The Aztecs

G. The INECA

Week 3:

European Exploration, Settlement and Colonization

- A. Factors responsible for European Voyages of Exploration
- B. Spanish Colonization: its Nature and Effects

Week 4:

European Exploration, Settlement and Colonization II

- C. the Challenge by other Europeans to Spain is Caribbean Monopoly
- D. War and Trade in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

Week 5:

The Plantation System and Slavery I

- A. The Early Socio-Economic Formation in the Caribbean
- B. The Failure of Early Economic Activity

Week 6:

The Plantation System and Slavery II

- C. The Sugar Revolution
- D. The Consequences of Economic Transformation

Week 7:

The Plantation System and Slavery III

- The Trans-Atlantic Trade in Captive enslaved Africans
- A. The Organization and profitability of the Trade

Week 8:

Law and Custom in Caribbean Slave Society

Week 9:

Plantation Slavery I

- A. Caribbean Slave Society
- B. Theories of Resistance and Accommodation

Week 10:

Plantation Slavery II

- C. Overt and Covert Forms of Resistance
- D. Maroonage

Week 11:

Plantation Slavery IV

- E. Slaves who freed Themselves
- F. Slave Revolts

Week 12:

Women in Slavery – Work on the Plantation, Exploitation, Resistance

Week 13:

Abolition and Emancipation

- A. The case for the Humanitarians
- B. The Economic Arguments/The Decline Theory
- C. The 1833 Act of Emancipation

Week 14

General Revision