**Course Description**
Study of the Articles of Confederation through ratification of the Constitution.

**Readings**
Readings to be determined between professor and graduate student.

**Course Requirements and Grading Scale**
Your course grade will be determined by reaction papers, discussions, and a final term paper.

- Reaction Papers: 40%
- Term Paper: 40%
- Discussions: 20%

**Grading Scale**

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**Program Learning Outcomes**
The SFA History Department has identified the following Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for all SFA students earning an M.A. degree in History:

1. The student will be able to explain the key issues and developments in at least two historical periods (one per course).
2. The student will be able to identify the main historical works and interpretive debates associated with an event or period.
3. The student will be able to locate, identify, and critically analyze primary sources.
4. The student will be able to research and analyze effectively an issue or topic in writing.
5. The student will be able to present written work in an appropriate academic style, including the proper citation of sources using Chicago Manual of Style (15th or most recent edition).

This section of this course will focus on PLOs 1 and 2.

**Student Learning Outcomes**
The more specific outcomes for this particular course are as follows:

1. The student will analyze the debates over the Articles of Confederation and Constitution
2. The student will be able to explain continuities between the Articles and Constitution

**Plagiarism and Cheating**
Plagiarism is the passing off of work or ideas of others as your own, whether intentional or unintentional. At a minimum, any student caught in such unethical activity will receive a zero for the assignment. Relevant University policies follow:

   Serious violations, such as stealing an exam or downloading a paper from the internet, will result in automatic failure of the course. I will also report cheating to your dean as described in university policy A-9.1. Under this policy, students charged with more than one violation during their academic careers will be summoned before the University Committee on Academic Integrity. If the Committee validates the charges, it may place students on probation or suspend them.

**Students with Disabilities**
The History Department is committed to providing appropriate and confidential accommodations for students with documented disabilities as outlined by SFA policy and ADA guidelines. If you have or think you may have a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, Room 325, 468-3004 or 468-1004 as early as possible in the semester. If you already have contacted the ODS and know the accommodations you need, please see me in my office as early as possible in the semester.

**Withheld Grades (Semester Grades Policy, A-54)**
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.