

**The Georgia Institute of Technology  
School of History, Technology, and Society  
HTS 4083: Columbus and the Conquest of America**

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Course Requirements

Attendance: 10%.  
Participation: 10%.  
Exams: 80%.

Reading

At Engineer's Bookstore:  
Marvin Lunenfeld, *1492: Discovery, Invasion, Encounter*  
Alfred Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange*  
Other readings will be distributed in class.

**Students are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech Honor Code.**

Weekly Schedule

**WEEK 1**

May 12: Lecture: Renaissance Europe

May 14: Lecture: Renaissance Europe  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, Preface, Introduction, Readings 1-2.

May 16: Lecture: Iberian Renaissance  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, Readings 3-5.

**WEEK 2**

May 19: Lecture: The Age of Exploration  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 6-8.

May 21: Lecture: The Age of Exploration  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 9-12.

May 23: Lecture: Columbus  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 13-14, 17-19.

**Exam 1.**

**WEEK 3**

May 26: Lecture: The First Crossing  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 15-16.

May 28: Lecture: The Encounter  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 20-21, Photograph Portfolio A;  
[www.usm.maine.edu/~maps/columbus/](http://www.usm.maine.edu/~maps/columbus/)

May 30: Film.

**WEEK 4**

June 2: Lecture: Hispaniola  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 22-24.

June 4: Lecture: Justifications and Criticisms of Conquest  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 27-37.

June 6: Lecture: The Invention of Comparative Ethnology and the Idea of Progress  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 40-42, Photographic Portfolio B.  
Handout: Mark Cocker, *Rivers of Blood, Rivers of Gold*, New York, 1998, Introduction.

**Exam 2.**

**WEEK 5**

June 9: Lecture: The Conquest of Mexico  
Discussion: Lunenfeld: 25-26, 38-39.

June 11: Lecture: The Conquest of Mexico  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 43.  
Handout: Inga Clendinnen, *Aztecs*, New York, 1991, chapter 4.

June 13: Lecture: The Conquest of Mexico  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 44-45.

**WEEK 6**

June 16: Lecture: The Columbian Exchange  
Discussion: Crosby, Preface, Introduction, chs. 1, 2, 3.

June 18: Lecture: The Columbian Exchange  
Discussion: Crosby, chs. 4, 5, 6.

June 20: Lecture: Other Macro-Theories of Conquest  
Discussion: Lunenfeld, 46-53.

**Exam 3.**

**WEEK 7**

June 23: Lecture: The Slave Economy and the Rise of Capitalism  
Discussion: Handout: Hugh Thomas, *The Slave Trade*, New York, 1997, 21-67.

June 25: Debate on reparations.

June 27: Wrap up.

**Exam 4.**