

SYLLABUS

SEMINAR: 1491 – A CRITICAL ANALYSIS



EVRN 420 – TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

GEOG 379 – TOPICS IN CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

Fall Semester 2007



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TEXT

Mann, Charles C. 2006. *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*. Vintage Books, New York. Paperback.

SCHEDULE

Aside from the individual review papers and items related to those, there is no fixed schedule for this course. You have been given a CD with readings, will have purchased the book, and will through the KU library acquire additional readings; that is it. After the introductory few days we will be progressing through *1491* chapter by chapter until finished. Detailed instructions will be provided for your individual review papers and their development at a later date.

6 SEP – All individual review topics must be ok'd by me by this date
20 SEP – Review paper abstract due
25 OCT – Annotated Bibliography due
20 NOV – Draft Review Paper due
6 DEC – Revised Review Paper due

GRADING

Abstract with Key Words	10%
Annotated Bibliography	20%
Draft Review Paper	10%
Final Review Article	20%
Topical Report(s)	10%
Class Participation	30%

Since this is a seminar and you cannot participate if you are not present, emphasis will be placed on attendance. You will be allowed two unexcused absences during the course of the semester. After that one half letter grade will be deducted for each absence. Attendance will only be recorded at the beginning of each class period; if you aren't present at the beginning you are not in attendance. Late interruptions are disruptive to all and won't be tolerated. If we expect to gain from this experience, each individual needs to be well prepared and share openly his or her questions, observations, and interpretations in our discussions. A substantial portion of your grade is based on your class participation and, as the schedule is fluid, you cannot get your assignments unless you are in class.

Academic misconduct: Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. All cases will be penalized in accordance with Academic Senate guidelines. THE FIRST PENALTY WILL BE TO RECEIVE AN "F" FOR THE COURSE.