



Teaching American History *Windows into America's Past*

Clarification of Graduate Credit

- All *Windows Into America's Past* content workshops and institutes are designed to meet college/university criteria for graduate level work.
- The institution (Framingham State College) offering graduate credit to TAH participants does so with the caveat that the credits awarded cannot be applied toward a degree program at FSC.
 - Framingham State recently notified us that all master degree courses are four credits and any electives in programs must be selected from a specific list.
- Most colleges and universities may not accept credit earned off-campus toward a higher degree even though they “recognize” the course as a graduate level course.
- That is, most graduate school programs probably will not accept any transfer credits without prior permission.

All TAH participants who register for graduate credit should anticipate receiving grade reports that classify the 3 credits earned as “professional development credits”. This does not mean that the grade earned is not graduate level course work. It only means that the course will not be accepted by the college or university as transfer credit into a degree program. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (formerly known as the DOE) accepts “professional development credit” earned for graduate level course work in the same way as if it were purely graduate course credit. Local school district business offices should accept these credits for salary schedule advancement purposes and for contract-required tuition reimbursement benefits.

Please contact the TAH Project Director if you have any further concerns regarding graduate credit at: twallingford@hudson.k12.ma.us.