American Colleges, 1636-2023   O Maher (Wilmington campus) Fall 2023

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**Topics and Readings**

**Week 1**  Colonial academies and colleges: the small scope of higher education

Reading: Yale’s 1745 code of conduct (3 pp)

**Week 2**  The rapid expansion of colleges (1790—1861)

R: Delaware College catalog, 1843/44 (16pp)

**Week 3**  Law, medicine, theology, and other forms of advanced education before the Civil War  R: Mid-19th century medical schools (3pp)

**Week 4**  DuBois and Washington: two visions of higher education for black Americans (and what about Native Americans?)

R: Excerpts from DuBois and Washington (4 pp)

**Week 5**  The rise of the research university, 1870—1920

R: The creed of the University of Chicago (4pp)

**Week 6**  Higher education for women, 1870-1920

R: M. Carey Thomas and Bryn Mawr (4pp)

**Week 7**  College admissions: the origins of the SAT & Jewish quotas

R: Examples of early 20th century tests (6pp)

**Week 8**  Boom and bust: higher education from 1920 to 1945

R: The University of Delaware thrives and suffers (5pp)

**Week 9**  Complacency and Protest: 1950s—1970s

Week 10  Affirmative Action: From the G.I. Bill (1944) to Harvard’s Asian Americans (2021)
R: Excerpts from several court cases (7pp)

Week 11  The expansion of community colleges
R: Del Tech mission statements (6pp)

Week 12  When and why did higher education become so expensive?
R: Charts and tables (8pp)

Week 13  Free speech for students and faculty

Optional Reading


