Course Description
A study of the primary religious, political, philosophical, journal, and creative writers in North America during the colonial period and the first years of independence. In addition, this semester students will read fictional and dramatic reappraisals of American Puritanism by a number of 19th and 20th-century writers.

Requirements
In order to complete this course successfully, students are expected to do the following: attend class regularly and punctually; complete the assigned readings; participate in class discussions; present an oral report and submit a written version of the report one week after the presentation (5-8 pp.); take a midterm examination when scheduled; prepare a substantial paper (topic to be discussed with the professor) which is due on the last day of classes (8-12 pp.)

Papers should be word processed. They should be double-spaced and must be handed in at the beginning of the class period during which they are due. I will not accept late papers, unless you have a doctor's note.

The following required books will hopefully be available for purchase at the University of Puerto Rico Bookstore:

- The American Puritans: Their Prose & Poetry, ed. Perry Miller (Columbia University Press 023105419X)
- Cotton Mather, Wonders of the Invisible World Being an Account of the Trials of Several Witches Lately Executed in New England (Kessinger Publishing 0766168670)
- Mary Rowlandson, A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson (Kessinger Publishing 1419136631)
- Nathaniel Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter (W.W. Norton & Co. 0393956539)
- Arthur Miller, The Crucible (Penguin Books 0140247726)
- Maryse Condé, I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem (Ballantine Books 0345384202)
- Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography (W.W. Norton & Co. 0393952940)
- Olaudah Equiano, The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano. (W.W. Norton & Co. 0393974944)
- Royall Tyler, The Contrast (Feedback Theatre Books 0937657239)
- Susanna Rowson, Charlotte Temple (Oxford University Press 0195042387)
- Hugh H. Brackenridge, Modern Chivalry (New College & Univ. Pr. 0808402218)

Other course materials will be distributed in class.