

**American Public University to Offer Graduate Course, "The Prelude to War: 1859-1861,"  
Accompanied by Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Summer Workshop**

**Charles Town, W.Va. – April 21, 2010** -- American Public University (APU) is offering 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers an online, three-credit summer graduate course, "The Prelude to War: 1859-1861," which will be accompanied by a three-day, summer workshop in historic Harpers Ferry, WV, organized by Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and taught by park historians and other local experts.

Together, the APU graduate course and the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park workshop will examine the tumultuous and explosive events and secession crisis that led to the outbreak of the American Civil War.

Teachers are encouraged to sign up early, as registration is limited to the first 30 students who enroll. Registration details:

**APU Online Graduate Course:** The Prelude to War: 1859-1861

**Course Number:** HIST680

**Course Dates:** July 5 to August 29, 2010

**Registration Deadline:** June 25, 2010

**Summer Institute at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, West Virginia**

**Course Dates:** July 17-19, 2010

**Registration Deadline:** June 25, 2010

**Registration Contact:** Ms. Yoci Deal, APU Admissions Representative, at email [ydeal@apus.edu](mailto:ydeal@apus.edu), or TEL (877) 777-9081, ext. 3764

For further information including cost details and available scholarships, please visit [www.studyatapu.com/harpers](http://www.studyatapu.com/harpers).

**About American Public University**

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**About Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**

The history of [Harpers Ferry](#) has few parallels in American history. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered — involving a diverse number of people and a series of events that influenced the course of our nation's history. Harpers Ferry witnessed the first successful application of interchangeable manufacture, the arrival of the first successful American railroad, John Brown's attack on slavery, the largest surrender of Federal troops during the Civil War, and the education of former slaves in one of the earliest integrated schools in the United States.