Renaissance and Reformation  
Early Modern Europe: 1450-1600  
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Tuesday/Thursday 1:30-2:50pm  
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This course covers Europe during the Renaissance and Reformation from 1300-1600. During this time, Europe underwent tremendous cultural, political, religious, technological, and military change. Students will explore humanist thought, the rise of new military and printing technology, European explorations, court culture, the arts, witchcraft trials, and new religious discourses.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Midterm Exam: 20%
Paper 1*: 20%
Paper 2*: 20%
Final Exam: 30% (There are NO MAKEUP EXAMS for the midterm or final.)
Attendance: 10%
* Each paper will be 5 pages in length. There will be a total of FOUR topic choices and you MUST choose TWO. One of your papers must be written prior to the midterm. NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED.

READING: The four books that are for purchase at the bookstore are listed below. Shorter readings will be posted online. You must do all the reading to do well on the exams and the papers.

TEXTBOOKS FOR PURCHASE:
   Erasmus, In Praise of Folly
   Castiglione, The Book of the Courtier
   Machiavelli, The Prince
   Thomas More, Utopia
   The Foundations of Early Modern Europe by Eugene Rice Jr. and Anthony Grafton

NOTE: All other Readings will be posted online.

ETIQUETTE: Please come on time, silence cell phones, and refrain from surfing the Internet during class. It is your responsibility to obtain any missing notes from a fellow student. Feel free to email me with a respectful, formal email and I will try my best to reply as promptly as possible.

PLAGIARISM will be taken very seriously and will be reported. Feel free to discuss the course material and your paper ideas with other students but you can only hand in your own individual work.
Week 1
Sept. 2: The Plague, Hundred Years’ War and New Luxuries
Sept. 4: Life in the 16th Century
Read: Selections from Rabelais, *Pantagruel* and *Gargantua* and Selections from Leon Battista Alberti’s *The Family in Renaissance Florence*

Week 2
Sept. 9: Carnival
Sept. 11: Technology: Printing Press and the New Warfare
Read: Erasmus, *In Praise of Folly*
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 1-18

Week 3
Sept 17: Renaissance Humanism
Sept 19: European Economic Expansion
Read: The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 77-90

Week 4
Sept 23: Origins of Modern Science
Sept 25: Voyages of Exploration
Read: Vasco de Gama’s *Round Africa to India*; Copernicus, Selection *From the Revolutions of the Heavenly Bodies*; Montaigne’s *On the Cannibals*
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 18-44

*Paper Due Sept. 25: The Praise of Folly*

Week 5
Sept. 30: Renaissance Courts and Manners
Oct. 2: Renaissance Art
Read: Selections from Castiglione, *Book of the Courtier*
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 90-104

Week 6
Oct. 7: Patrons and Artists
Oct. 9: Formation of the Early Modern State
Read: Selections from Georgio Vasari’s *Lives of the Artists*
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 110-124

Week 7
Oct. 16: The Prince and the State: Theories of Sovereignty
Read: The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 124-140

* Paper Due Oct. 16 Book of the Courtier *
Week 8
Oct. 21: German Reformation part 1
Oct. 23: German Reformation part 2
Read: Machiavelli, The Prince
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 140-145

MIDTERM EXAM ASSIGNMENT DUE Oct. 21

Week 9
Oct. 28: John Calvin and Geneva
Oct. 30: Zwingli and the Anabaptists
Read: The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 146-161

Week 10
Nov. 4: Catholic Reformation and the Jesuits
Nov. 6: English Reformation
Read: Martin Luther excerpt and John Calvin excerpt
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 161-169

* Paper Due Nov. 6 The Prince *

Week 11
Nov. 11: English Reformation (Film: “A Man of All Seasons”)
Nov. 13: No Class
Read: Thomas More, Utopia
The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 169-177; 200-202

Week 12
Nov. 19: French Wars of Religion
Nov. 21: Dutch Revolt
Read: The Massacre of Saint Bartholomew’s Day

Week 13
Nov. 25: No Class
Nov. 27: Thanksgiving

Week 14
Dec. 2: Witchcraft
Dec. 4: The Rise of Skepticism
Read: Select Documents on Witchcraft

* Paper due Dec. 2nd Utopia *

Week 15
Dec. 9: Conclusion and Final Review
Final Assignment: TBA