

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
Semester I, 1987-88

History 119 THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815

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5121 Humanities (263-1851)  
Office hours: M 11:00-1:00 (and by appointment)

REQUIRED READINGS:

Textbook: Chambers, Grew, Herlihy, et al., The Western Experience, Vol. II, The Early Modern Period  
Rabelais, Gargantua and Pantagruel: Selections  
Grimmelshausen, The Adventures of a Simpleton  
Voltaire, Candide

The film The Return of Martin Guerre will also be shown during the course of the semester.

This course is an introduction to the major social, political, cultural and intellectual developments in Europe from the Renaissance to the Napoleonic era. There will be three lectures and one discussion section per week. The list of sections will be posted, and it is your responsibility to make sure that you are placed in a section. You are expected to attend lectures, to attend and participate in the weekly discussion section, and to read the relevant chapters and books before a given topic is covered in class.

You may take the course for either three or four credits. Those enrolled for four credits will write a term paper (roughly eight to ten pages in length) on a topic chosen in consultation with the instructor or teaching assistant. All students will take two one-hour exams and one two-hour final exam.

We will calculate final grades in roughly the following manner:

- a) for 3-credit students:
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| participation in section | 10%      |
| mid-term exams           | 25% each |
| final exam               | 40%      |
- b) for 4-credit students:
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| participation in section | 10%      |
| mid-term exams           | 20% each |
| term paper               | 20%      |
| final exam               | 30%      |

Week 1 (September 2-4): INTRODUCTION  
Course Introduction  
From Medieval to Modern Europe  
Reading: Text Chapter 11.

Week 2 (September 8-11): THE RENAISSANCE  
Renaissance Humanism  
Renaissance Art  
The Northern Renaissance  
Reading: Text, Chapter 12; Rabelais, Gargantua and Pantagruel: Selections.

Week 3 (September 14-18): THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION  
The Lutheran Reformation  
Calvin and the Reformed Faith  
The Radical Reformation  
Reading: Text, Chapter 14.

Week 4 (September 21-25): REFORMATION AND RESPONSE  
The English Reformation  
The Catholic Reformation  
The Wars of Religion

Week 5 (September 28-October 2): EVERYDAY LIFE AND THE GROWTH OF  
THE STATE  
Living and Dying in Early Modern Europe  
The Growth of the State  
Overseas Expansion  
Reading: Text, Chapter 13.

Week 6 (October 5-9): EXPANSION OF EUROPE  
Impact of the Expansion of Europe  
Review  
FIRST HOUR EXAM: Friday, October 9

Week 7 (October 12-16): THE SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY CRISIS  
Thirty Years' War  
English Revolution  
Popular Culture in Seventeenth-Century Europe  
Reading: Text, Chapter 15; Grimmelshausen, The Adventures of a Simpleton

Week 8 (October 19-23): REVOLUTION IN SCIENCE AND POLITICAL  
THEORY  
Scientific Revolution  
Political Thought  
The Early Modern Family  
Reading: Text, Chapter 16

Week 9 (October 26-30): THE AGE OF ABSOLUTISM

Absolutism in Theory and Practice

Louis XIV

The Anti-Absolutists: England and the Netherlands

Reading: Text, Chapter 17

Week 10 (November 2-6): THE RISE OF PRUSSIA, RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA

Poverty, Revolt and Crime

Russia: Peter the Great

The Rise of Prussia and Austria

Reading: Text, Chapter 18

Week 11 (November 9-13): THE BAROQUE ERA

Review

SECOND HOUR EXAM: Wednesday, November 11

Baroque Art and Music

Week 12 (November 16-20): THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Origins of the Enlightenment

Social Criticism: The Philosophes

Popular Culture in the Eighteenth Century

Reading: Text, Chapter 19; Voltaire, Candide

Week 13 (November 23-25): EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ART AND POLITICS

Political Rivalries in Eighteenth-Century Europe

The Classical Age

Reading: Text, Chapter 20

Week 14 (November 30-December 4): REVOLUTIONS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Society and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Europe

The Industrial Revolution

The Origins of the French Revolution

Week 15 (December 7-11): THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

The Early Stages of the French Revolution

The Radical Revolution

Napoleon

Reading: Text, Chapter 21

Week 16 (December 14): REVIEW