

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Department of History  
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HISTORY 119

EARLY MODERN EUROPE

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Syllabus

This course is designed to introduce you to the major events that have shaped the modern world. You shall discover how Europeans lived, worked, played and thought 500-200 years ago, and how their activities have influenced the physical and mental environment in which you now live.

There will be two one-hour examinations and a two-hour final. If you are taking this course for four credits, you will be expected to write a critical review of a book of your choice, in consultation with the teaching assistant. Students taking this course for Honors will be expected to write a significant research paper.

TEXT: The Western Experience, vol. 11, The Early Modern Period.

The Other Side of Western Civilization, vol. 11, The Sixteenth Century to the Present.

Voltaire, Candide.

- Jan. 21 Course introduction
- Jan. 23 Material Conditions of Life: text: 350-365; Laslett
- Jan. 25 Growing up in the Sixteenth Century: Childhood to Adulthood: Hunt
- Jan. 28 The Notion of the Renaissance: text: 386-412
- Jan. 30 Humanism
- Feb. 1 The Renaissance in the graphic arts
- Feb. 4 Popular Religion and Christian Humanism: text: 376-382; 447-455; Davis
- Feb. 6 The Protestant Reformation text: 455-465
- Feb. 8 The English Reformation text: 424-428
- Feb. 11 The Religious Wars text: 474-484
- Feb. 13 The Catholic Reformation text: 465-472; 537-548
- Feb. 15 The Expansion of European Horizons: voyages of discovery text: 414-423
- Feb. 18 The Impact of the Discoveries on European Self-Conception
- Feb. 20 Visions of Utopian Society
- Feb. 22 First Exam

- Feb. 25 Witchcraft and Magic Bever
- Feb. 27 Science and Religion K. Thomas
- March 1 The Application of Reason: The Science of the Intellectuals text: 520-537; Goubert
- March 4 The Mechanistic view of the Universe and the Human Body text: 593-598
- March 6 Foundations of Modern Political Thought text: 428-445
- March 8 The English Civil War text: 490-499
- March 11 The General Crisis of the 17th century
- March 13 The Growth of Capitalism
- March 15 Peasant Life - The Rise of Eastern Serfdom text: 548-558; Wrightson & Levine
- Spring Break
- March 25 Family life Shamma, Plumb
- March 27 Printing the the Development of Education
- March 29 Bourgeois Society and the Development of Manners, text: 588-593; Flandrin, Shorter,  
Tilly
- April 1 Louis XIV and the Height of Absolute Monarchy text: 562-577
- April 3 Russia becomes a Great Power text: 577-580
- Easter Break
- April 8 The Enlightenment text: 632-640, Candide
- April 10 Enlightened Despotism text: 651-659
- April 12 The Orthodox Revival and the Cult of Sentiment
- April 15 Exam 2
- April 17 The Struggle against Poverty
- April 19 The Public Order
- April 22 Crime and Punishment
- April 24 Popular culture: festivals and recreation Malcolmson, Huizinga
- April 26 Elite Society: the extent of privilege text: 640-651
- April 29 The Crisis of the Old Regime: social unrest text: 682-688
- May 1 The French Revolution text: 688-726

- May 3 The Impact of the French Revolution on Europe text: 708-723; 726-740
- May 6 The Industrial Revolution text: 663-682; Inkeles
- May 8 The Uses and Abuses of Technology Laing
- May 10 Life for the masses: Working conditions and middle-class culture Mendras