

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II, 1991-92

History 119

THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815

Mr. Sella

Textbook: CHAMBERS, The Western Experience, Vol. 2: The Early Modern Period

Required Readings: MOSSE, The Reformation
LEFEBVRE, The Coming of the French Revolution
LANGFORD, Galileo, Science and the Church

The course will involve three lectures and one discussion section a week. Attendance at both lectures and discussion sections is expected of all students.

Students not present in their regular section by the third week of classes will be presumed to have dropped the course.

The course is offered for either 3 or 4 credits. Students who elect to take the course for 4 rather than 3 credits will be required to write a 10-page report on a book chosen in consultation with the professor not later than March 1 and due by May 1. Late reports will be penalized at the rate of 2 points per day after due date. Under no circumstances will a 4-credit student receive a grade of incomplete for failure to submit his/her report before the end of the semester.

EXAMS: There will be two one-hour exams and one two-hour final.

GRADES: Final grades in the course will be determined as follows:

- a) for 3-credit students: two one-hour exams = 25% each
final exam = 50%
- b) for 4-credit students: two one-hour exams = 20% each
book report = 20%
final exam = 40%

Students are expected to master the content of the textbook and other required reading material according to the attached schedule. They are also urged to read the relevant chapters or books before a given topic is covered in lectures.

| WEEK READINGS | TOPIC | TEXTBOOK CHAPTER | OTHER |
|------------------|--|---------------------|----------|
| | THE RENAISSANCE | | |
| 1-2 | Society, the State and the Church | 11 | |
| 3 | The World of Italian Humanism | 12 | |
| | THE REFORMATION | | |
| 4 | Northern Humanism | 14 | MOSSE |
| | Luther's Challenge | | |
| | Calvin | | |
| 5 | The Anglican Reformation | | |
| | The Catholic Revival | | |
| | EXPANSION OVERSEAS AND CONFLICTS IN EUROPE | | |
| 6 | Exploration, Discovery, and Empire | 13 | |
| | EXAM | | |
| 7 | The Supremacy of Spain | 15 | |
| | Wars of Religion | | |
| | Thirty Years' War | | |
| 8 | Civil War in England | | |
| 9 | THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION | 16 | LANGFORD |
| | THE AGE OF ABSOLUTISM | 17-18 | |
| 10 | The Sun King | | |
| | EXAM | | |
| 11 | The Rise of Prussia and Russia | | |
| | Resilience and Reform in Austria | | |
| | The Contest for Empire | | |
| 12 | THE ENLIGHTENMENT | 19 | |
| | REVOLUTIONS | | |
| 13 | The Industrial Revolution in Britain | 20 | |
| 14 | The French Revolution | 21 | LEFEBVRE |
| 15 | Napoleon | | |