

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 86-87

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>		<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
333	The Renaissance	3-4 credits (H-A)	M. Mazzaoui

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is intended to provide a basic survey of the Italian Renaissance for both history and non-history majors.

The format is topical rather than strictly chronological. Major themes covered include the State, the Family, the Church, the Economy, Art, Architecture and Literature in the early and high renaissance.

LECTURES

Two weekly lectures

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

mid-term and final examination paper for four credit students

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

Assigned texts and paperbacks supplemented by reserve readings. These include many optional titles.

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

- Lauro Martines, Power and Imagination: City-States in Renaissance Italy (Knopf).
John Hale, Florence and the Medici: The Pattern of Control (Thomas and Hudson).
David Herlihy, The Family in Renaissance Italy (Forum Offprints).
P. Bondanella and M. Musa, eds. and trs., The Portable Machiavelli (Penguin).

RESERVE BOOKS: (Several titles also in Graduate Reading Collection)

- Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance.
Gene Brucker, Renaissance Florence.
Jacob Burckhardt, The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy.
E. Cassirer, P.O. Kristeller, and J.M. Randall, Jr., The Renaissance Philosophy of Man.
W.K. Ferguson, Europe in Transition.
W.K. Ferguson, The Renaissance in Historical Thought.
Denys Hay, The Italian Renaissance in its Historical Background.
Michael Mallett, The Borgias.
G. Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy.
Brian Pullan, A History of Renaissance Italy.
Daniel Waley, The Italian City Republics.
Marsiglio of Padua, Defensor Pacis.
P. Vergerius, Treatise on Education (Xerox).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Three examinations required of all students.
Ten-page term paper required for fourth credit option.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

(*denotes suggested reading on reserve).

- 9/2-4 Introduction: The Concept of Renaissance.
Burckhardt, Civilization (skim).
*Hay, chs. 1, 2, 3.
*Pullan, Pt. III, ch. 9.
*Ferguson, The Renaissance in Historical Thought, chs. 7, 8, 11, 12.

- 10/28-30 The Humanism of the High Renaissance.
Moral Philosophy.
 Hay, ch. 6.
 Ferguson, Transition, ch. XVa.
 Renaissance Philosophy of Man, sect. 3 (Ficino),
 4 (Pico) and 5 (Pomponazzi).
- 11/4-6 Florence and the Medici.
War and Diplomacy in the Renaissance.
 Martines, ch. XIV.
 Hale, chs. 1-3.
 G. Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy, Pts. 1 and 2.
 *Pullan, Pt. IV, ch. 13.
- 11/11-13 Machiavelli and Renaissance Political Thought.
Historiography in the Renaissance.
 Martines, ch. VX, pp. 310-317.
 The Portable Machiavelli: The Prince, Discourses,
 Art of War; introduction to the volume.
- 11/18 (Tues.) TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION
- 11/20 The Last Florentine Republic.
The Principate.
 Hale, chs. IV, V.
- 11/25 The Indian Summer of the Italian Economy.
Courtly Society: The New Aristocracy.
 Martines, ch. XII.
 *Ferguson, Transition, chs. IX, XIIa, XIVa.
- 11/27-30 THANKSGIVING RECESS
- 12/2 TERM PAPERS DUE
- 12/4 Italian Vernacular Literature.
Renaissance Drama.
 Martines, ch. XIV, pp. 317-331.
 The Portable Machiavelli: The Mandrake Root, Fable of
 Belfagor.
- 12/9 The High Renaissance in Art and Architecture.
The City as an Ideal.
 Martines, ch. XIII.
 Brucker, Renaissance Florence, pp. 240-255.
- 12/11 Italy and the Diffusion of the Renaissance.
 Martines, ch. XVI.
 Hay, ch. VII.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14: FINAL EXAMINATION, 2:45 P.M.

- 9/9-11 The Growth of the Italian City-Republics.
Municipal Institutions: Town and Countryside.
 Martines, chs. I-III.
 *Waley, chs. 1-4.
 *Pullan, Pt. I, chs. 1-4.
- 9/16-18 Urban Economy: Guilds and Industry.
Social Classes.
 Martines, ch. IV.
 *Waley, ch. 5.
 *Brucker, Renaissance Florence, chs. 1 and 3.
- 9/23 The Population Catastrophe.
The 'Economic Depression' of the Renaissance.
 Martines, ch. X.
 *Pullan, Pt. IV, ch. 12.
 *Brucker, Renaissance Florence, ch. 2.
- 9/25 Changing Family Structure.
 David Herlihy, The Family in Renaissance Italy.
 *Brucker, Renaissance Florence, ch. 3.
- 9/30-10/2 From Commune to Centralized Territorial State.
Republics and Despots: The Search for Political Stability.
 Martines, chs. V, VII, IX.
 *Waley, ch. 6.
 *Brucker, Renaissance Florence, ch. 4.
 *Hay, ch. 4, pp. 58-74.
 *Pullan, Pt. II, ch. 8, Pt. IV, ch. 14.
- 10/7 (Tues.) SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION
- 10/9-14 Renaissance Culture and Education.
The Rise of Civic Humanism.
 Martines, chs. VI, VIII, IX.
 The Renaissance Philosophy of Man, sec. I (Petrarch)
 and II (Valla).
 Vergerius, Treatise on Education.
 *Brucker, Renaissance Florence, ch. 6, pp. 213-240.
 *Hay, ch. 4 (pp. 74-101) and 5.
 *Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian
 Renaissance.
 *Pullan, Pt. III, ch. 10.
- 10/16 The Rise of the Medici.
 Hale, chs. 1-2.
- 10/21-23 The Church and the Renaissance Papacy.
Lay Piety.
 Martines, ch. XV, pp. 297-310.
 *Mallett, The Borgias.
 *Pullan, Pt. V.
 *Brucker, Renaissance Florence, ch. 5.
 *Marsiglio of Padua, Defensor Pacis.