

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Department of History  
Semester I -- 1994-1995

COURSE NUMBER

334

COURSE TITLE

Protestant Reformation

INSTRUCTOR

Kingdon

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

History 334 is one of two courses on the history of Europe during the Reformation period. It deals with the Protestant Reformation in its Lutheran, Calvinist, and Radical phases, primarily in Germany, Switzerland, France, and the Netherlands. Its companion course, History - 335, deals with the Catholic Reformation, primarily in Italy and Spain.

LECTURES:

There will be two lectures a week for the entire class. They will first analyze European society on the eve of the Reformation, and then explore two separate but related phenomena: (1) the development during this period of new religious ideas and institutions, with their significance for the future; (2) the impact of religious ideology on the politics, economy, culture, and society of Europe as illustrated in this period.

Graduate and honors students will be invited to meet separately in a special section to discuss substantial additional readings of a historiographic character, and to write an extended paper on a historiographic topic. Undergraduates registering for a fourth-hour of credit will be expected to present an oral report and submit a written paper on a topic selected in consultation with the instructor.

EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING SYSTEM:

All but graduate and honors students will be asked to write three examinations, two during the course of the semester, the final one at the end of the semester. For three-hour undergraduates, each mid-term examination will count for 25% of the final grade; the final examination will count for 50%. For four-hour undergraduates, the two reports will count for 25% of the final grade; each mid-term examination will count for 20%; the final examination will count for 35%. Adjustments may be made to give credit for improvement.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Euan Cameron, The European Reformation

Martin Luther, Selections, ed. by John Dillenberger (a collection of actual sources from the period)

Alastair Duke, Gillian Lewis, and Andrew Pettegree, eds., Calvinism in Europe, 1540-1610