

HIS 222

EUROPE 1350-1789: FROM RENAISSANCE TO REVOLUTION

Spring Semester 2011

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REQUIRED READING FOR COURSE:

Thomas Greer and Gavin Lewis, *A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, Vol.I* (Ninth Edition).  
[referred to on syllabus as Greer] This book is available for purchase at the UNCG Bookstore.

Primary Sources are available on e-reserves via Blackboard, and are marked accordingly on the syllabus.  
Please download and print out these documents so you can bring hard copies to class with you.

## COURSE SYLLABUS

M	1/10	W. Europe in 1350: An Ordered Society? Greer 234-243
W	1/12	W. Europe in 1350: An Ordered Society? Greer 299-307
F	1/14	Discussion and Introduction to Course
M	1/17	MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY, NO CLASS
W	1/19	Christianity Comes to Europe: A Short History Greer 151-155, 157-166
F	1/21	Discussion and Student Introductions
M	1/24	Christianity Comes to Europe Greer 166-179
W	1/26	W. Europe in 1350: A Christian Society? Greer 246-253, 266-271
F	1/28	Discussion      Quiz 1
M	1/31	Petrarch and Humanism Greer 335-340 Petrarch, "The Ascent of Mont Ventoux" (e-reserves)
W	2/2	Humanism and Politics Greer 307-311
F	2/4	Discussion: Petrarch      Quiz 2
M	2/7	1492 and All That Greer 318-333
W	2/9	The Columbian Exchange
F	2/11	Discussion: 1492 and Beyond Bring in 1-page written response to lecture and video
M	2/14	Discovery and Self-Discovery Greer 358-360

- W 2/16 Machiavelli  
Machiavelli, THE PRINCE, excerpts (e-reserves)  
Epistle Dedicatory, chs.14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26  
Greer 311-313
- F 2/18 Discussion: Machiavelli Quiz 3
- M 2/21 Erasmus and Christian Humanism  
Greer 342-344  
Erasmus, "The Shipwreck" (e-reserves)
- W 2/23 Luther  
Greer 364-373
- F 2/25 Discussion: Erasmus Quiz 4  
TAKE-HOME MIDTERM EXAM ASSIGNED
- M 2/28 Luther  
Greer 373-375  
Luther, Preface to first volume of Latin writings (e-reserves)
- W 3/2 Calvin and Reformed Culture  
Greer 375-380  
Calvin, excerpt from "Reply to Sadoletto" (e-reserves)
- F 3/4 Discussion: Protestant Reformation (Luther, Calvin) Quiz 5  
TAKE-HOME MIDTERM EXAM DUE  
LAST DAY TO DROP COURSES WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY
- 3/7-3/11 SPRING BREAK, NO CLASSES
- M 3/14 Loyola  
Loyola, excerpt from AUTOBIOGRAPHY (e-reserves)
- W 3/16 Loyola and Catholic Reform  
Greer 384-387
- F 3/18 Discussion: Loyola Quiz 6
- M 3/21 Science, Reason, Authority  
Greer 402 (illustration), 418-422
- W 3/23 Galileo  
"Letter to Castelli" (e-reserves)
- F 3/25 Discussion: Galileo Quiz 7

- M 3/28 Absolutism, Reason, and the State  
Greer 408-410
- W 3/30 Louis XIV and Versailles  
Greer 394 (illustration), 410-411
- F 4/1 Discussion: Louis XIV and Absolutism  
Bring in 1-page response to lectures and video
- M 4/4 The Age of Enlightenment  
Greer 422-431, 434
- W 4/6 Religion Questioned, Religion Affirmed  
Voltaire, "Fanaticism" from PHILOSOPHICAL DICTIONARY (e-reserves)
- F 4/8 Discussion: Voltaire and the Enlightenment Quiz 8
- M 4/11 Consent and Slavery
- W 4/13 Jefferson  
Jefferson, "Declaration of Independence" (e-reserves)
- F 4/15 Discussion: Jefferson Quiz 9
- M 4/18 Mary Wollstonecraft  
Wollstonecraft, A VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN, excerpts (e-reserves)
- W 4/20 Reason, Education, and "The Woman Question"  
Wollstonecraft, A VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN, excerpts (e-reserves)  
TAKE-HOME FINAL EXAM ASSIGNED
- F 4/22 SPRING HOLIDAY, NO CLASS
- M 4/25 The Promise of Progress on the Eve of Revolution  
Greer 428-431
- T 4/26 Discussion/Review
- F 4/29 TAKE-HOME FINAL EXAM DUE BY 2:00 PM IN 2323-C MHRA.  
PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAND IN  
YOUR EXAM EARLIER.

## GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:** We require regular attendance for this course. We cover a great deal of material and one absence could mean missing one hundred years or more of European history! If you are not prepared to attend consistently, come on time, and stay until the end of the class period, please drop the course. If you miss more than 3 classes you may be dropped from the course at the sole discretion of the instructors. If you miss 3 classes in a row you will definitely be dropped. Students who do not attend the first two classes of the semester or notify an instructor will be dropped so that others may add in. Please notify your instructor if you know in advance that you will need to miss a class.
2. **ATTENTIVENESS POLICY:** If you are not prepared to pay attention and take careful notes during class periods, please drop this course. We do not make seating assignments, but if we find that students are talking together during class and behaving in such a way that distracts us or other students we will require them to change their seats. Laptop computers are not permitted in the classroom, except in documented cases of medical need. In those cases students are required to seat themselves so as not to distract others. Cellphones and other electronic equipment must be turned off and placed out of sight during the class period. Please do not start to pack up your belongings until the class period has ended; this can be very distracting to other students.
3. Please read the material specified for a given class period or periods before coming to class. It is **ESSENTIAL** that you keep up with the syllabus. If you lose your copy, just ask one of us for another or download a copy from the History Department website: [www.uncg.edu/his](http://www.uncg.edu/his)
4. Please bring to class your hard copy of the primary source readings for that day. We will be examining texts together in class. You will need to download and print all the texts on e-reserves at the beginning of the semester.
5. Grades will be based upon a series of quizzes administered during the Friday discussion periods, as well as take-home midterm and final essay exams. Your instructor will describe these assignments in more detail during the course of the semester. The response papers and take-home essay exams must be word-processed, double-spaced, spell-checked, with standard 1" margins and 12-point font. We require hard copies of assignments; e-mail attachments will only be accepted with prior permission and in exceptional cases. We expect correctness and clarity of exposition as well as an understanding of the course content. To us, history and the way in which it is expressed are not two different things, but are rather, intimately connected. We will factor in class participation when assigning grades, including questions, comments, and responses to texts, videos, and other media. We also take notice of students' general mental alertness and intellectual engagement with and curiosity about the material. These are all important factors in university learning. Grades will be computed according to this rough breakdown: Midterm 30%, Final 30%, Quizzes 25%, Participation 15%.

6. All assignments are due on the days specified on the syllabus.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE: If for ANY reason you are unable to take a quiz or hand in an assignment on time it is YOUR responsibility to contact one of us. If we are not contacted directly or by message before the due date we will not accept late assignments. See the front page of the syllabus for contact information.

7. If you do not think you will be able to abide by these guidelines, please drop the course so that someone else can take it. The last day to drop a course without academic penalty is Friday March 4. BUT: if these guidelines seem reasonable to you and you would like to learn about a fascinating period of history and improve your reading, analytical, and writing skills, please stay in the course!