

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Fall Semester 2023  
HIST 3352 – Renaissance Europe  
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**Course Overview and Course Objectives:**

This course is a survey of European history from the 1200s to the early 1500s. It is designed for anyone with an interest in the topic. We will cover a variety of themes, including humanism and the legacy of medieval culture, statecraft and warfare, dynastic politics, overseas exploration, and religious, intellectual and artistic developments.

**Course Requirements:**

The course will consist of lectures and discussions; regular attendance and participation in class are essential. There will be a midterm exam, a final exam, and a term paper. Each of these is worth 1/3 of your final grade. The exams will consist of paragraph-long IDs (a choice of 5 out of 10 terms) and a longer essay. The paper will be a comparison of humanism and statecraft based on your reading of Machiavelli and Erasmus.

**Grading Policy:**

Each of the three assignments is worth 100 points for a total of 300 points. Grading scale is  
A=270-300  
B=240-269  
C=210-239  
D=180-209  
F=0-179

Make up exams will not be given nor will late papers be accepted; the only exceptions being officially documented medical or family emergencies. Plagiarism of any sort will not be tolerated and will result in an F for the course.

**Final Withdrawal Date: Monday, October 30**

**Required Books:**

Margaret King, *A Short History of Renaissance in Europe* (U. of Toronto Press)  
Machiavelli, *The Prince* (Oxford U. Press)  
Erasmus, *The Education of a Christian Prince* (Cambridge U. Press)

**Calendar of Meetings and Assignments (dates subject to change with advance notice)**

Week 1 – August 22 and 24  
Introduction; the Concept of the Renaissance

Week 2 – August 29 and 31

From Medieval to Renaissance Civilization

Reading: King, chapter 1

Week 3- September 5 and 7

Renaissance Humanism

Reading: King, chapter 3

Week 4 – September 12 and 14

The Arts in the Renaissance

Reading: King, chapter 4

Week 5 – September 19 and 21

The Italian City-States

Reading: King, chapter 2

Week 6 – September 26 and 28

Social and Economic Life in Renaissance Italy

Reading: King, chapter 5

Week 7 – October 3 and 5

The Church in the Renaissance

Reading: King, chapter 6

Week 8 – October 10 and 12

**Midterm Exam, Thursday, October 12**

Week 9 – October 17 and 19

The European Dynastic States

Reading: King, chapter 10

Week 10 – October 24 and 26

The Northern Renaissance

Reading: begin Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 11 – Oct. 31 and Nov. 2

War in Northern Renaissance Europe

Reading: King, chapter 9; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 12 – November 7 and 9

War in Renaissance Italy

Reading: King, chapter 7; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 13 – November 14 and 16

The End of the Renaissance in Italy?

Reading: King, chapter 8

**Machiavelli and Erasmus Term Paper Due on Thursday, Nov. 16.**

Week 14 – November 21 and 23

**No Meetings - Thanksgiving Break**

No Readings

Week 15 – November 28 and 30

The Renaissance and the World Beyond Europe

Readings: King, chapter 11

Week 16 – December 5

**Final Exam, Tuesday, December 5, 11 am to 1 pm**

**Additional University Policies:**

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