

The University of Texas at Tyler  
HIST 3383 - Tudor and Stuart England

**Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:** This course is an upper-level survey of English history from the fifteenth to the eighteenth century, a period of critical importance for that nation. During this time England is transformed from a small medieval kingdom into the world's dominant power. The period also witnessed sweeping changes in government, religion and cultural life, leading to the establishment of a constitutional monarchy, a Protestant state church, and a culture of capitalism and scientific enquiry. Though we will focus on the dominant political issues and leaders, we will also look at the lives of the masses, down to the level of two different small communities.

**Course Requirements:** The course will consist of lectures and discussions; regular attendance and participation are essential. There will be a midterm exam, a final exam and a term paper (approx. 6-8 pages). Each of these will be worth 1/3 of your final grade. The exams will consist of choices of terms (5 out of 10 possible) and essays (1 of 2). The paper will be an analysis of the books by Duffy and Underdown. Further instructions for the paper will be given separately.

**Grading Policy:** Each assignment is worth 100 points for a course total of 300. The grading scale is A=270-300, B=240-269, C=210-239, D=180-209, F=180-0. Make-ups will not be given nor will late papers be accepted, *the only exception being officially documented family or medical emergencies.*

**Final Withdrawal Date:**

**Required Books:**

Smith, *This Realm of England*  
Duffy, *The Voices of Morebath*  
Underdown, *Fire from Heaven*

**Topics and Assignments:**

Week 1

Introduction

Week 2

Later Medieval England  
Readings: Smith, ch. 1

Week 3

Fifteenth Century Politics and Society  
Readings: Smith, ch. 2 and 3

Week 4

Henry VII  
Readings: Smith, ch 4 and 5

Week 5

Henry VIII  
Readings: Smith, ch. 6

Week 6

The Henrician Reformation  
Readings: Smith, ch. 7; Duffy

Week 7

The Mid-Tudor Crisis  
Readings: Smith, ch 8

Week 8

**Midterm Exam**

Week 9

Spring Break – No Meeting

Week 10

Elizabeth I

Readings: Smith, ch. 9

Week 11

War with Spain; Overseas Colonization

Readings: Smith, ch. 10

Week 12

The Reign of James I

Readings: Smith, ch 11

Week 13

Charles I and the Civil War

Readings: Smith, ch. 12

Week 14

The Collapse of the Great Chain of Being

Readings: Smith, ch. 13; Underdown

Week 15

The Restoration

Readings: Smith, ch. 14

**Term Paper Due**

Week 16

The Glorious Revolution; Growth of the British Empire

Readings: Smith, ch. 15

Week 17

**Final Exam, Tuesday**