

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Fall Semester 2021  
HIST 3352 – Renaissance Europe  
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**Course Overview and Course Objectives:**

This course is a survey of European history from the 1300s 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, November 1**

**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 24 and 26

Introduction; the Concept of the Renaissance

Week 2 – August 31 and Sept. 2  
From Medieval to Renaissance Civilization  
Reading: King, chapter 1

Week 3- September 7 and 9  
Renaissance Humanism  
Reading: King, chapter 3

Week 4 – September 14 and 16  
The Arts in the Renaissance  
Reading: King, chapter 4

Week 5 – September 21 and 23  
The Italian City-States  
Reading: King, chapter 2

Week 6 – September 28 and 30  
Social and Economic Life in Renaissance Italy  
Reading: King, chapter 5

Week 7 – October 5 and 7  
The Church in the Renaissance  
Reading: King, chapter 6

Week 8 – October 12 and 14  
**Midterm Exam, Thursday, October 14**

Week 9 – October 19 and 21  
The European Dynastic States  
Reading: King, chapter 10

Week 10 – October 26 and 28  
**No Meetings**  
Reading: begin Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 11 – November 2 and 4  
Northern Renaissance Culture  
Reading: King, chapter 9; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 12 – November 9 and 11  
War in Renaissance Italy  
Reading: King, chapter 7; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 13 – November 16 and 18

The End of the Renaissance in Italy?

Reading: King, chapter 8

**Machiavelli and Erasmus Term Paper Due on Thursday, Nov. 18**

Week 14 – November 23 and 25

**No Meetings - Thanksgiving Break**

No Readings

Week 15 – November 30 and December 2

The Renaissance and the World Beyond Europe

Readings: King, chapter 11

Week 16 – December 7

**Final Exam, Tuesday, December 7, 11 am to 1 pm**

### **Covid Statement**

**Information for Classrooms and Laboratories: Students are expected to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its Honor Code (Links to an external site.) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.**

**Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, digestive issues (e.g. nausea, diarrhea), or a higher than normal temperature should stay at home and are encouraged to use the UT Tyler COVID-19 Information and Procedures (Links to an external site.) website to review protocols, check symptoms, and report possible exposure. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.**

**Additional University Policies:**

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