

Spring Semester 2026
HIST 3352 – Renaissance Europe
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Course Overview and Learning Outcomes:

This course is an upper-level survey of Europe in the Renaissance. We will examine the period from roughly 1300 to the early 1500s focusing on political, economic and social considerations along with a study of humanism and statecraft. No prior knowledge of the period is required. The only prerequisite is an interest in the topic.

Course Requirements:

The course will consist of lectures and discussions; regular attendance is 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 course grade. The exams will consist of choices of terms from our lecture outlines (5 out of 10 for a total of 50% of the exam grade) and an essay (choice of 1 out of 2 for the remaining 50% of the exam grade). The term paper will be based on your analysis of the works by Machiavelli and Erasmus. Further instructions for the paper will be given separately.

Grading Policy:

Each assignment is worth 100 points for a course total of 300 points. The grading scale is

A=270-300
B=240-269
C=210-239
D=180-209

Make up exams will not be given nor will late papers be accepted, the only exception being officially documented family or medical emergencies. Plagiarism of any sort will result in an F for the assignment.

Required Books: I will provide you with free e-books of the following titles:

Margaret King, *A Short History of Europe in the Renaissance*

Machiavelli, *The Prince*

Erasmus, *The Education of a Christian Prince*

Calendar of Topics and Assignments:

Week 1 (Jan. 13 and 15)

Course Introduction

Week 2 (Jan. 20 and 22)

From Medieval to Renaissance Civilization

Reading: King, chapter 1

Week 3 Jan. 27 and 29)

Renaissance Humanism

Reading: King, chapter 3

Week 4 (Feb. 3 and 5)

Renaissance Art

Reading: King, chapter 4

Week 5 (Feb. 10 and 12)

The Italian City States

Reading: King, chapter 2

Week 6 (Feb. 17 and 19)

The Society and Economy of Renaissance Italy

Reading: King, chapter 5

Week 7 (Feb. 24 and 26)

The Catholic Church in the Renaissance

Reading: King, chapter 6

Week 8 (March 3 and 5)

Midterm Exam, Thursday March 5

Week 9 (March 10 and 12)

No Meetings – Spring Break

Week 10 (March 17 and 19)

The European Dynastic States

Reading: King, chapter 10

Week 11 (March 24 and 26)

The Northern Renaissance

Reading: Erasmus

Week 12 (March 31 and April 2)

War in Renaissance Europe

Reading: King, chapter 9

Last Day to Withdraw, Monday, March 30

Week 13 (April 7 and 9)

War in Renaissance Italy

Reading: King, chapter 7 and Machiavelli

Week 14 (April 14 and 16)

The End of the Renaissance in Italy

Reading: King, chapter 8

Week 15 (April 21 and 23)

The Renaissance and the World Beyond Europe

Reading, King, chapter 11

Term Paper Due, Tuesday, April 21

Week 16 (April 28 and 30)

No Meeting April 28

Final Exam, Thursday, April 30

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