

Fall Semester 2026

HIST 5353 – Reformation Europe

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Course Overview and Learning Outcomes:

This course will explore European history during the period from roughly 1500-1700. In addition to the overarching theme of religious change, we will also explore dimensions of political and religious authority and conflict, along with their social impact.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

The course will consist of readings and discussions along with six book reviews, each worth 10% of your grade (for a total of 60%), a retrospective comprehensive essay (30%) and attendance and participation (10%). Late papers will not be accepted, the only exceptions being officially documented medical or family emergencies.

Makeup 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: Friday, October 30.

Required Texts (I will provide you with free ebooks of these)

Carlos Eire, *Reformations*

Bruce Gordon, *Zwingli: God's Armed Prophet*

Mack Holt, *The French Wars of Religion*

Henry Kamen, *Philip of Spain*

Geoffrey Parker, *Imprudent King*

Erik Midelfort, *Witch Hunting in Southwestern Germany*

Maarten Prak, *The Dutch Republic in the Seventeenth Century*

Philip Mansel, *King of the World*

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

Week 1 – August 26

Course Introduction

Week 2 – September 2

Discussion of *Eire*, pages 1-248

Week 3 - September 9

Discussion of Gordon; first book review due

Week 4 – September 16

Discussion of *Eire*, pages 248-367

Week 5 – September 23

Discussion of *Eire*, pages 367-562

Week 6 – September 30

No meeting

Week 7 – October 7

Discussion of Holt; second book review due

Week 8 – October 14

Discussion of Kamen

Week 9 – October 21

No meeting

Week 10 – October 28

Discussion of Parker; third book review due

Week 11 – November 4

Discussion of *Eire*, pages 562-757

Week 12 – November 11

Discussion of Midelfort; fourth book review due

Week 13 – November 18

Discussion of Prak; fifth book review due

Week 14 - November 25

No meeting – Thanksgiving Break

Week 15 – December 2

Discussion of Mansel; sixth book review due

Week 16 – December 9

Comprehensive essays due

Use of AI to complete written assignments is not permitted.

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