

The University of Texas at Tyler

HIST 3353 Reformation Europe

Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes: This course is an upper-level survey of European history during the sixteenth century. Our goals for the course are as follows: 1) to gain an understanding of the re-formations of the Western Christianity, including the Catholic and varying Protestant versions. 2) to understand the impact of these religious changes on the social and political organization in Central and Western Europe. 3) to gain insight into the mentality of sixteenth century Europeans, including prominent individuals as well as various groups.

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 either the books by Huppert and Ginzburg. 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:

Jensen, Reformation Europe

Huppert, After the Black Death

Ginzburg, Cheese and the Worms

Topics and Assignments:

Week 1

Introduction

Week 2

Europe in 1500; Late Medieval Christianity

Readings: Jensen, ch. 1

Week

Martin Luther

Readings: Jensen, ch. 2

Week 4

Luther and German Society and Politics

Readings: Huppert

Week 5

Zwingli; Radical Protestant Movements

Readings: Jensen, ch. 3

Week 6

Calvin and Geneva; Calvinism's International Appeal

Readings: Jensen, ch. 4

Week 7

The Reformation and England (to 1558)

Readings: Jensen, ch. 5

Week 8

Midterm Exam

Week 9

The Catholic Reformation
Readings: Jensen, ch. 6

Week 10

The Witch-Craze
Readings: begin Ginzburg

Week 11

The French Wars of Religion
Readings: Jensen, ch. 7

Week 12

The Spanish Empire and King Philip II
Readings: Jensen, ch. 8

Week 13

The Dutch Revolt
Readings: finish Ginzburg

Week 14 (Nov. 26)

No Meetings – Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15

Elizabeth I and England
Readings: Jensen, ch. 9
Term Paper Due

Week 16

The Voyage of the Armada; Legacy of the Reformation
Readings: Jensen, ch. 10

Week 17

Final Exam