

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Spring Semester 2016  
Renaissance Europe (HIST 3352)  
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**Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:**

This course is a survey of European history during the fourteenth, fifteen and early sixteenth centuries. It is designed for history majors along with anyone with an interest in the topic. We will cover a variety of themes, including meanings of the Renaissance and humanism, the legacy of medieval culture, Renaissance statecraft and warfare, dynastic politics, overseas exploration and colonization, and religious, intellectual and artistic life.

**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. Each of these will be worth 1/3 of your final grade. The exams will consist of choices of terms (5 out of 10) and essays (1 of 2). The paper will be a comparison of humanism and statecraft based on your reading of Machiavelli and Erasmus. Instructions for the paper will be given separately.

**Grading Policy:**

Each of the three assignments 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, F=0-179. Make-up exams will not be given nor will late papers be accepted, the only exceptions being officially documented family or medical emergencies.

**Final Withdrawal Date:**

Monday, March 21

**Required Books:**

Charles Nauert, *Humanism and the Culture of Renaissance Europe* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.  
Machiavelli, *The Prince*  
Erasmus, *The Education of a Christian Prince*

## **Calendar of Meetings, Topics and Assignments:**

Week 1 – Jan. 20-22

Introduction – the Meaning of the Renaissance

Reading: Nauert, Introduction

Week 2 – Jan. 25-29

From Medieval to Renaissance

Reading: Nauert, chapter 1

Week 3 – Feb. 1-5

Renaissance Humanism

Reading: Nauert, chapter 2

Week 4 – Feb. 8-12

The Church in Crisis

Reading: Nauert, chapter 3

Week 5 – Feb. 15-19

The Italian City States

Reading: Nauert, chapter 4

Week 6 – Feb. 22-26

The Italian City States cont'd.

Reading: Machiavelli, p. vi-lii

Week 7 – Feb. 29 to March 2

**Midterm Exam, Feb. 29 and Mar. 2**

Week 8 – Mar. 7-11

**No Meetings – Spring Break**

Week 9 – Mar. 14-18

The European Dynastic States

Reading: Nauert, Chapter 5

Week 10 – Mar. 21-25

The Northern Renaissance

Reading: Nauert, Chapter 6

Week 11 – Mar. 28 to April 1

European Overseas Exploration

Reading: Nauert, Chapter 7

Erasmus, p. vi-xxvi

Week 12 – April 4-8  
Renaissance Philosophy and Science  
Reading: Machiavelli, p. 1-90

Week 13 – April 11-15  
Renaissance Art  
Reading: Erasmus, 1-110

Week 14 – April 18-22  
The Italian Wars  
No Reading

Week 15 – April 22-29  
The End of the Renaissance  
No Reading  
**Term Paper Due – Friday, April 22**

Week 16 – May 2-6  
No Meetings, May 2 and 4  
No Reading  
**Final Exam – Friday, May 6, 12:30-2:30 pm**

**All dates subject to change with advance notification from the instructor.**