

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Spring Semester 2018  
HIST 3352 – Renaissance Europe  
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**Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:**

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, April 2**

**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 – Jan. 17 – Course Introduction

Week 2 – Jan. 22-24 - From Medieval to Renaissance Civilization

Reading: King, chapter 1

Week 3- Jan. 29-31

Renaissance Humanism

Reading: King, chapter 3

Week 4 – Feb. 5-7

The Arts in the Renaissance

Reading: King, chapter 4

Week 5 – Feb. 12-14

The Italian City-States

Reading: King, chapter 2

Week 6 – Feb. 19-21

Social and Economic Life in Renaissance Italy

Reading: King, chapter 5

Week 7 – Feb. 26-28

The Church in the Renaissance

Reading: King, chapter 6

Week 8 – March 5-7

**Midterm Exam, Monday, March 5**

No Meeting on Wednesday, March 7

Week 9 – March 12-16

**Spring Break – No Meetings**

Begin Reading Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 10 – March 19-22

The European Dynastic States

Reading: King, chapter 10; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 11 – March 26-28

Northern Renaissance Culture

Reading: King, chapter 9; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 12 – April 2-4

War in Renaissance Italy

Reading: King, chapter 7; continue Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 13 – April 9-11

The End of the Renaissance in Italy?

Reading: King, chapter 8; finish Machiavelli and Erasmus

Week 14 – April 16-18

Humanism and Statecraft

**Term Paper Due, Wednesday, April 18**

No Readings

Week 15 – April 23-25

The Renaissance and the World Beyond Europe

Readings: King, chapter 11

Week 16 – April 30 – May 2

No Meeting on April 30

**Final Exam, Wednesday, May 2 from 2:45 to 4:45**

**Additional University Policies:**

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