

The University of Texas at Tyler
First Summer Semester, 2016
HIST 5352 – Renaissance Europe
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Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:

This course is an examination of the contemporary secondary literature on Florence during the Renaissance. Our focus this semester will include cultural, political and social history. Florence is often seen as the leading, creative hive of Renaissance culture and our purpose is to try to understand if and why this was so. The course is also intended to sharpen students' reading, writing and analytical skills.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based on written reviews of each of the books we are reading. Your papers should analyze the author's thesis, sources, methodology and perspective. They should be roughly 4-6 pages in length. Late papers will not be accepted. The four written book reviews will comprise the course grade.

Required Books:

Najemy, *History of Florence*
Baron, *The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance*
Trexler, *Public Life in Renaissance Florence*
Gilbert, *Machiavelli and Guicciardini*

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments

June 6 – Introduction

June 13 – Discussion of Najemy; book review due

June 16 – Discussion of J. Seigel, "Civic Humanism or Ciceronian Rhetoric"
Past & Present, July 1966: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/650053>

June 23 – Discussion of Baron; book review due

June 30 – Discussion of Trexler; book review due

July 7 – Submit book review of Gilbert via email (as a PDF); no meeting

All of the above dates are subject to change with the advance notification of the instructor.