

The University of Texas at Tyler  
HIST 3356 – Seventeenth Century Europe  
Fall Semester 2015  
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**Course Overview and Learning Outcomes:**

This course is an advanced study of European history in the seventeenth century, a time when many aspects of modern civilization came to into being. With that in mind, we will examine religious conflict and church/state relations, the increasing centralization of government, the beginning of global commerce and capitalism, and some of the scientific and artistic achievements of the era

**Course Requirements and Grading Policy:**

The course will consist of readings, lecture and discussion. Regular attendance and participation are essential. There will be three exams, each worth 1/3 of your final grade. The exams will consist of choices of short ID terms (5 out of 10) and a long essay (1 of 2). The terms will be worth a total of 25 points and the long essay will be worth 75. The Grading Scale will be A (270-300 points), B (240-269), C (210-239), D (180-209), F (0-180). **No make-up exams will be given, the only exception being officially documented family or medical emergencies.**

**Final Date to Withdraw: October 26.**

**Required Books:**

Dunn, *The Age of Religious Wars, 1559-1715*  
Westermann, *A Worldly Art: the Dutch Republic, 1585-1718*  
Ashley, *Louis XIV and the Greatness of France*  
Cracraft, *The Revolution of Peter the Great*

**Topics and Assignments:**

Week 1 (Aug. 24-28)

The Legacy of the Reformation  
Reading: Dunn, ch. 1

Week 2 (Aug. 31 – Sept. 4)

The Thirty Years War  
Reading: Dunn, ch. 2

Week 3 (Sept 7-11)

**No Meetings**

Week 4 (Sept. 14-18)

The Decline of Habsburg Power  
Reading: Dunn, ch. 5

Week 5 (Sept. 21-28)

The English Civil Wars and Revolutions

Reading: Dunn, ch. 4

Week 6 – **First Exam, Wed., Sept. 30**

Week 7 (Oct. 5-9)

Economic Change

Reading: Dunn, ch 3

Week 8 (Oct. 12-16)

The Rise of the Dutch Republic

Reading Westermann, Introduction, chapters 1 and 2

Week 9 (Oct. 19-23)

The Dutch Colonial Empire

Reading: Westermann, chs. 3 and 4

Week 10 (Oct. 26-30)

The Culture of the Dutch Republic

Reading: Westermann, chs. 5 and 6

Week 11 **Second Exam, Wed., Nov. 4**

Week 12 (Nov. 9-13)

France: Crisis and Recovery

Reading: Ashley, chs. 1-5

Week 13 (Nov. 16-20)

Europe in the Age of Louis XIV

Reading: Ashley, chs. 6-12

Week 14 (Nov. 23-27)

**No Meetings**

Readings: Dunn, ch. 6 and Cracraft, chs. 1-4

Week 15 (Nov. 30-Dec. 4)

Peter the Great and the Rise of the Russian Empire

Readings: Cracraft, chs. 5, 6 and Conclusion

Week 16 (Dec. 7-11)

**Final Exam, Wed., Dec. 9 12:30-2:30**

**All dates subject to change with advance notification.**