

Introduction to European History: Writing Course

The early modern era, 1500-1789

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This course constitutes a broad overview to the long and crucial period of Western History between the end of the Middle Ages and the French Revolution. It aims to present the key notions of political, social, economic and cultural history covering most of the continent, including the “Near Middle East” of the Ottoman Empire. The course format will consist of two lectures weekly, supplemented by personal assignments. Students should be able to derive a comprehensive chronology from both their lecture notes and from the textbook.

The writing component will consist of three papers, two five-page, and one 12-15 page research essay. Instructions on how to proceed with these will be given at the end of the lecture, and by specific instruction-sheets, as well as extended availability of the professor who will give bibliographical recommendations and who will read drafts before the deadline for final submission.

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Assignments and Grading Scheme: First term only

a) map test	10%
b) 1st short paper	15%
c) 2nd short paper	15%
d) research paper	30%
e) Christmas exam	30%

Textbook: E. Cameron, **Early Modern Europe**, Oxford, 2001 (available from the Dalhousie bookstore for \$62.46 new, less used).

Lecture topics: First term only

- 1) Historical Geography of Northwest Europe
- 2) Historical Geography of Mediterranean Europe
- 3) Historical Geography of Eastern Europe

- 4) Demography and Economy of early modern Europe
- 5) Social structures in early modern Europe
- 6) City States, Princes and Republics in Late Renaissance Italy
- 7) Consolidation of Monarchies; France, Spain, Holy Roman Empire
- 8) Religion and Culture in the 16th century
- 9) The Protestant Reformations, 1520-1598
- 10) The Council of Trent and the Counter-Reformation
- 11) The Rise of the Ottoman Empire, to 1610
- 12) Spanish Ascendancy and its Limits
- 13) The Dutch United Provinces, 1560-1715
- 14) The Thirty Years War and the Crisis of the 17th century
- 15) The Polish Monarchy in Northeastern Europe
- 16) Scientific Revolution in the 17th century
- 17) French Absolutism, 1598-1715
- 18) The Austrian Empire and Central Europe, 1600-1740
- 19) Peter the Great and the Emergence of Russia
- 20) Religion and Society in the 18th century
- 21) The Cultural Revolution of the 18th century
- 22) Enlightenment Despotism; Prussia, Austria, Spain
- 23) Mercantilism, Laissez-faire and Economic Growth
- 24) International Rivalry and the Balance of Power, 1672-1783

Accommodation Statement:

Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. Students who require academic accommodation for either

classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams should make their request to the Advising and Access Services Center (AASC) prior to or at the outset of the regular academic year. Please visit www.dal.ca/access for more information and to obtain the Request for Accommodation – Form A.

A note taker may be required as part of a student's accommodation. There is an honorarium of \$75/course/term (with some exceptions). If you are interested, please contact AASC at 494-2836 for more information.

Please note that your classroom may contain specialized accessible furniture and equipment. It is important that these items remain in the classroom, untouched, so that students who require their usage will be able to participate in the class.

All students in this class are to read and understand the policies on **academic integrity** and **plagiarism** referenced in the Policies and Student Resources sections of the academicintegrity.dal.ca website. Ignorance of such policies is no excuse for violations.

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