**Literature of European History I**

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Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

GC Room 4433

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This course provides an introduction to the literature of European history from the Late Middle Ages through the eighteenth century. It explores different conceptual frameworks and methodological approaches to the period and examines an assortment of classic and recent works on a variety of topics: religion and the state; science, technology, and medicine; economy and society; gender and sexuality; and ideas and mentalities. The course prepares students for the end-of-semester comprehensive examination and for further study of early modern Europe.

**Requirements:**

Class participation: 25%

Five (2-page) response papers (one title each—not the common reading): 25%

Two (8-10-page) historiographical papers on major themes of the course (4-6 titles for each): 50%

Written work will be shared with the class.

**Recommended Reading:**

Textbooks and Reference Works:


Bibliographies:


**Schedule of Meetings and Readings**

8/31  Introduction to the Course.

9/7  Modernity, Medievalism, and History that Stands Still


9/14  Medieval Background


10/5  The State


10/19  Demography and Economy


10/26  Economy and Society [First historiographical paper is due]

11/2 Science, Technology, and Medicine


11/9 Family, Gender, and Sexuality

11/16 The State Revisited


11/23 Popular Culture, Mentalities, and Microhistory


11/30 Intellectual History, from Renaissance to Enlightenment [Second historiographical paper is due]


12/7 Looking Back and Looking Ahead

12/14 Individual Conferences

12/21 First Written Examination