

# HTST 201 (WINTER 2014) EARLY MODERN EUROPE

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Mon., Wed., Fri. 12:00-12:50pm



**Description:** This course is an overview of the history of Western Europe, circa 1350 to 1815. During this period, Western Europe witnessed a series of important events: plague, humanism, the renaissance, discovery of the new world, the reformation, the scientific revolution, absolutism, the enlightenment, and the French revolution. These events brought about shifts in politics, warfare, diplomacy, economics, intellectual thought, and statehood. In addition to serving as an introduction to Western European history, this course also explains how and why historians study the past, the sources they examine, how they engage with complex cause and effect relationships, and how they communicate this knowledge effectively.

**Reading List:** Robin Winks and Lee Palmer Wandel, *Europe in a Wider World: 1350-1650*; Robin Winks and Thomas Kaiser, *Europe, 1648-1815: Old Regime to the Age of Revolution*; primary source reader (Blackboard)

**Grading:** Group work, random quizzes, midterm exam, essay, and final exam.