

FACULTY OF ARTS

# Department of History



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**HTST 336 (FALL 2014) — EARLY MODERN ENGLAND  
THE ELIZABETHAN WORLD  
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WEDNESDAY 1900-2145 HOURS, ST141**



This course will investigate key themes in the history of early modern England by examining the life and times of one of England's longest serving, most popular, and most enigmatic monarchs, Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603, reigned from 1558). During Elizabeth's lifetime, England initiated and completed its Protestant Reformation; began a conquest of Ireland and strengthened relations with Scotland and Wales; explored and attempted to settle various newfound lands; traded with Europe and Africa and went to war with France and Spain; experienced major legal and constitutional developments; underwent profound cultural, artistic, and literary movements; and developed a global economy, empire, and reputation. At the same time that English people venerated and mythologized their beloved monarch as the Virgin Queen, Gloriana, and Astraea, those in authority questioned the ability of a woman to rule and challenged her at every step.

## **Reading List**

Susan Doran and Norman Jones, eds., *The Elizabethan World* (2011)

William Shakespeare, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

## **Assignments**

Participation, *MWoW* essay, research essay, take-home final exam