

History 2460G, Winter 2024
Europe Transformed: Science, Enlightenment
and Commercial Expansion, 1600-1815

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This is a **draft** syllabus. Please see the course site on OWL for a final version.

Course Description

In the seventeenth century, western Europe began its emergence as a global power. This course will survey Europe's, social, economic and political history from 1600 to the end of the French Revolution. Topics will include the Thirty Years' War; the growth of absolutist states; the early development of global capitalism; shifting scientific approaches to the natural world; the Enlightenment; and early industrialization.

Course Syllabus

In this class students will build the following competencies and skills:

1. Identify and describe key events and concepts in early modern European history
2. Evaluate diverse forms of historical evidence and cultivate interpretive skills
3. Strengthen writing skills in history and related disciplines
4. Engage with faculty and peers in a collaborative, respectful atmosphere

Methods of Evaluation

Students must submit all written assignments and complete the final exam to pass the course. Students are expected to attend class and weekly tutorials throughout the term and to prepare for the discussions and other activities. Late papers may be submitted for up to one week past the stated deadline and will receive a 10% deduction. For other approved extensions, students may apply to Academic Counselling. Without an approved extension, no written work will be accepted after one week past the stated deadline.

Tutorial Attendance and Participation:	20%
~1200-word primary source assignment (due Monday, January 29):	20%
~2000-word essay (due Thursday, March 28) :	30%
Final Exam (April exam period):	30%

Make-up tests, midterms, and exams can only be approved by Academic Counselling.

Please see

https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_module_information/policies.html for department procedures and requirements involving make-up tests and exams.

Course Materials

Reading and advance preparation are essential for a successful class. Assignments will be based on class readings or materials that students find in their own research.

Required Texts:

- John Merriman, *A History of Modern Europe from the Renaissance to the Age of Napoleon* 4th Edition (W.W. Norton, 2019). This book is available in both print and electronic versions.
- Sara Beam, ed. *The Trial of Jeanne Catherine. Infanticide in Early Modern Geneva* (Univ. of Toronto Press, 2021)
- Daniel Gordon, ed. *Candide with Related Documents*, 2nd ed. (MacMillan, 2016)

Other readings will be made available in OWL or through Weldon Library.

Additional Statements

All work submitted in this course must be your own. You may not use any generative AI tools such as ChatGPT for assignments in this course.

During class and tutorials, please limit your use of electronic devices to note-taking and other course-related activities.

Please review the Department of History's shared policies and statements for all undergraduate courses at: https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_module_information/policies.html for important information regarding accessibility options, make-up exams, medical accommodations, health and wellness, academic integrity, plagiarism, and more.