

**History 2460G**  
**Europe Transformed: Science, Enlightenment and Revolution, 1600-1815**

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**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 seminar meetings throughout the term and to prepare for the discussions and other activities.

Tutorial Attendance and Participation:	20%
~1200-word primary source assignment (due Monday, February 3):	20%
~2500-word essay ( due Monday, March 24):	30%
This essay will have footnotes and a bibliography	
Final Exam (April exam period):	30%

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

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## ABSENCES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

- Tutorial discussions are an important part of the class. **Attendance is flexible but there will be no academic considerations.** Students may miss 2 tutorials without penalty. Thereafter, 5 points will be deducted from the final course grade for the third and fourth absences and the full participation grade (20 points) will be deducted for the fifth absence.
- Essays may be submitted up to three days late without penalty. Thereafter, they will not be accepted without a formal consideration approved by Academic Counselling.

## 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

- The best way to reach me outside of class is by e-mail: [mhammo42@uwo.ca](mailto:mhammo42@uwo.ca) . You are welcome to drop by my office during the office hour or we can arrange appointments at other times (either in person or Zoom).
- Please limit your use of devices to note taking and class-related activity. That goes especially for phones!
- **All work submitted in this course must be your own.** You may not use any generative or analytical AI tools such as ChatGPT for assignments in this course.

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