

History 3430G
Christians, Muslims and Jews in Early Modern Europe, 1400-1700

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This is a **draft** outline. Please see the course site on Brightspace for a version that includes more information and finalized dates.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the relationships of Christians, Muslims and Jews between the era prior to the fall of Constantinople (1453) and the end of the Great Turkish War (1699). Judaism, Christianity and Islam all trace their origins to a common ancient ancestor, Abraham. After the mid-fifteenth century, societies rooted in these traditions argued, fought and collaborated in a remarkable era of cultural achievement, economic dynamism and military conflict.

COURSE SYLLABUS

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

1. Identify and describe key events and concepts in early modern 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.

Attendance and Participation: **15%**
(includes marks for leadership of one discussion (5%) and participation (10%))

Written Assignments:

800-1000 word chapter review due Friday, January 24 **10%**

1000-1200 word essay on *Lazarillo de Tormes* due Friday, February 14 **10%**

3000-word essay on a topic of your choice, due Friday, March 28 **25%**

The two essays will use footnotes and bibliography.

Tests:

Midterm exercise and map quiz on Wednesday February 5 **10%**

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.

ABSENCES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

- Regular attendance is expected for class, especially for 6 small-group discussions that will be scheduled during class time. You may miss one discussion without penalty. Thereafter, 2 points will be deducted from the final course grade for each 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.

Readings for the class will be excerpted from two textbooks that are online at Weldon:

- Daniel Goffman, *The Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe*
- Gábor Agoston, *The Last Muslim Conquest*
- The graphic novel *Lazarillo de Tormes* will be on sale at the Bookstore.
- Other readings will be made available in Brightspace or through Weldon Library.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

- Because this class explores topics related to faith and spirituality in history, courteous behavior and commitment to respectful inquiry are essential for every participant.
- The best way to reach me outside of class is by e-mail: 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.

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.