



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS**

HISTORY PROGRAMME

HIST 235: SPECIAL TOPIC: EARLY MODERN HISTORY, 1250-1650

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Mid-trimester break: 26 August to 8 September 2013

Last assessment item due: Tuesday, 15 October 2013

Withdrawal dates: Refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class times and locations

Lecture Time: Monday, 11:00-11:50

Lecture Venue: Hunter lecture theatre 220 (HULT220)

Lecture Time: Tuesday, 11:00-11:50

Lecture Venue: Hunter lecture theatre 119 (HULT119)

NOTE THAT HIST 235 LECTURES ARE IN TWO DIFFERENT LECTURE THEATRES.

50-minute Tutorials begin the SECOND WEEK of term, 22-25 July 2013

Tutorial times and venues will be posted on the History noticeboard (Old Kirk Building, fourth floor) and on Blackboard **by Friday 19 July 2013**.

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled HIST 235 students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. **Please check that this account is active and that you have organised email forwarding.** Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and tutorial programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course examines key developments in early modern history that helped to shape the modern world.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass HIST 235 should be able to:

1. Demonstrate their understanding of subject material via clear and concise prose;
2. Critique historiographical debates concerning early modern history;
3. Interpret primary and secondary sources and integrate historical research into structured essays;
4. Differentiate major themes in early modern history from the mid-thirteenth century to the mid-seventeenth century.

Teaching format

HIST 235 is taught in two 50-minute lectures per week and one 50-minute tutorial per week.

Students are expected to attend classes regularly, take part in class discussion, and keep up with the reading.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Complete the three assessment items specified for HIST 235, on or by the specified dates (subject to such provisions as stated for late submission of work);
2. Attend at least 8 of 10 tutorials convened from Week 2 to Week 11.

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at lectures and tutorials, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	1,250-word skills essay	25%	1,2,3	Friday 9 August
2	2,500-word research essay	45%	1,2,3,4	Friday 20 September
3	In-class test	30%	2,4	Tuesday 15 October

Group work

None.

Marking criteria

Marking criteria for the three assessments will be placed on Blackboard well in advance of the assessment dates.

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through the History Office essay drop-off point, Old Kirk 405, together with completed cover sheet, available on Blackboard and/or from the office (OK405).

Essays and tests will be returned at times to be advised. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the Office, Room 405, Old Kirk Building between the hours of 1.30 and 2.30 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first weekday late, and 2% per weekday thereafter, up to a maximum of 10 weekdays.** Work that is more than 10 weekdays late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but may not be marked. Penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In such cases, students should contact the course coordinator as soon as possible.

Set texts

HIST 235 Book of Readings, available from Vicbooks.

Recommended reading

Margaret L. King, *The Renaissance in Europe* (Boston, McGraw-Hill, 2003).

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course, and her/his name and contact details will be posted on Blackboard.

Student feedback

As HIST 235 Early Modern History is a new course, there is no student feedback.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Graduate attributes: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/hist-overview#grad-attributes>
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz