UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1988-89

History 333 THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE M. Mazzaoui

Required Textbooks:

Lauro Martines, Power and Imagination: City-States in Renaissance Italy (Knopf)
Gene Brucker, Renaissance Florence (Wiley)
David Herlihy, The Family in Renaissance Italy (Forum Offprints)
P. Bondanella and M. Musa, eds. and trs., The Portable Machiavelli (Penguin)

Reserve Books:

Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance
Jacob Burckhardt, The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy
E. Cassirer, P.O. Kristeller and J.M. Randall Jr., The Renaissance Philosophy of Man
W.K. Ferguson, The Renaissance in Historical Thought
John Hale, Florence and the Medici: The Pattern of Control
G. Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy
Daniel Waley, The Italian City Republics
P. Vergerius, Treatise on Education (Xerox)

Course Requirements:

Mid-Term and Final Examinations; 3 credit option: short essay (4-5 pp.); 4 credit option: term paper (10-12 pp.). Papers due: December 1.

LECTURE SCHEDULE
(* denotes suggested reading)

9/6-8 Introduction: The Concept of the Renaissance
Burckhardt, Civilization (skim)
*Ferguson, The Renaissance in Historical Thought, chs. 7, 8, 11, 12

9/13-15 The Growth of the Italian City-Republics
Municipal Institutions; Town and Countryside
Martines, chs. I-III
*Waley, chs. 1-4

9/20-22 Urban Economy: Guilds and Industry
Social Classes
Martines, ch. IV
Brucker, chs. 1 and 3
*Waley, ch. 5
9/27-29  The Population Catastrophe  
The ‘Economic Depression’ of the Renaissance  
Martines, ch. X  
Brucker, ch. 2

10/4  Changing Family Structure  
Brucker, ch. 3  
David Herlihy, The Family in Renaissance Italy

10/6-11  From Commune to Centralized Territorial State  
Republics and Despots: The Search for Political Stability  
Martines, chs. V, VII, IX  
Brucker, ch. 4  
*Waley, ch. 6

10/13-18  Renaissance Culture and Education  
Civic Humanism  
Martines, chs. VI, VIII, IX  
Brucker, ch. 6, pp. 213-240  
The Renaissance Philosophy of Man, sect. I (Petrarch) and II (Valla)  
Vergerius, Treatise on Education  
*Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance  
(Introd.)

THURS., OCT. 20---MIDTERM EXAMINATION

10/25-27  The Artist and Society in the Early Renaissance  
The Rise of the Medici  
Brucker, ch. 6, pp. 240-255  
*Hale, chs. 1-2

11/1-3  The Humanism of the High Renaissance  
The Church and the Renaissance Papacy  
Martines, ch. XV, pp. 297-310  
Brucker, ch. 5  
Renaissance Philosophy of Man, sect. 3 (Ficino), 4 (Pico) and 5 (Pomponazzi)

11/8-10  Consolidation of the States  
War and Diplomacy in the Renaissance  
Martines, ch. XIV  
Brucker, ch. 7  
*G. Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy, Pts. 1 and 2

11/15  The ‘Indian Summer’ of the Italian Economy  
Courtly Society: The New Aristocracy  
Martines, ch. XII
11/17-22  Machiavelli and Renaissance Political Thought
          Historiography in the Renaissance
          Martines, ch. XV, pp. 310-317
          The Portable Machiavelli: The Prince, Discourses, Art of War

11/24-27  THANKSGIVING RECESS

11/29-12/1  Italian Vernacular Literature
            Renaissance Drama
            Martines, ch. XIV, pp. 317-331
            The Portable Machiavelli: The Mandrake Root

12/6-8    The Fine Arts in Italy: The High Renaissance
          The City as an Ideal
          Martines, ch. XIII

12/13-15  Italy and the Diffusion of the Renaissance
          Martines, ch. XVI

THURS., DEC. 22, 2:45 P.M. FINAL EXAMINATION
A. REFERENCE WORKS

Peter and Julia Bondanella, *Dictionary of Italian Literature*.
S. Camerani, *Bibliografia Medicea*.
The New Century Italian Renaissance Encyclopedia ed. Catherine B. Avery
*Bibliographie Internationale de l'Humanisme et de la Renaissance* 1965-72

B. SOME PRIMARY SOURCES IN TRANSLATION

I. Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs and Correspondence

Dino Compagni's *Chronicle of Florence* tr. D. E. Bornstein.
Petrarch, *Letters*.

Vespasiano, *Renaissance Princes, Popes and Prelates*.
Luca Landucci, *A Florentine Diary from 1450-1516*.
Gene Brucker (ed.), *Two Memoirs of Renaissance Florence*.

II. Politics and History

Francesco Guicciardini, *Maxims and Ricordi*.
____________________, *History of Italy*.
____________________, *History of Florence*.
____________________, *The Discourses*.
____________________, *The Art of War*.
Marsiglio of Padua, *The Defender of Peace*.

III. The Family

Leon Battista Alberti, *The Family in Renaissance Florence*.

IV. Courtly Society

Baldassare Castiglione, *The Book of the Courtier*.

V. Philosophy

Nicholas of Cusa, *Of Learned Ignorance*.
Petrarch, *The Life of Solitude*.
Pico della Mirandola, *On the Dignity of Man*.
VI. Art and Society

Giorgio Vasari, Lives of Artists.
Leonardo da Vinci, Notebooks.
Leon Battista Alberti, On Painting.

C. SECONDARY WORKS - A Select Bibliography

I. General Titles

Jacob Burckhardt, The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy.
E. F. Cheyney, The Dawn of a New Era 1250-1453.
W. K. Ferguson, Europe in Transition 1300-1520.
Denys Hay, Europe in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries.
Denys Hay and John Law, Italy in the Age of the Renaissance 1380-1530.
John Larner, Italy in the Age of Dante and Petrarch 1216-1380.
Peter Laven, Renaissance Italy 1464-1534.
E. Lucki, History of the Renaissance.
Brian S. Pullan, A History of Early Renaissance Italy.

II. Famous Lives

C. M. Ady, Lorenzo de' Medici and Renaissance Florence.
Julia Cartwright, Baldassare Castiglione.
Nicholas Mann, Petrarch.
Ralph Roeder, The Man of the Renaissance (Savonarola, Machiavelli, Castiglione, Aretino).
Ridolfi, The Life of Niccolò Machiavelli, tr. C. Grayson.
E. H. Wilkins, Life of Petrarch.
P. Vilari, Life and Times of Girolamo Savonarola.

III. The Italian City-Republics

J. K. Hyde, Society and Politics in Medieval Italy 1000-1350.
L. Martines, Power and Imagination: City States in Renaissance Italy
D. Waley, The Italian City-Republics.

IV. City Histories

A. M. Allen, A History of Verona.
William M. Bowsky, A Medieval Italian Commune: Siena under the Nine
Robert Brentano, Rome Before Avignon.
Gene Brucker, Renaissance Florence.
D. S. Chambers, *The Imperial Age of Venice, 1380-1580.*
David Herlihy, *Pisa in the Early Renaissance.*
Judith Hook, *Siena, a City and Its History.*
John K. Hyde, *Padua in the Age of Dante.*
Frederic C. Lane, *Venice, a Maritime Republic.*
D. Muir, *History of Milan under the Visconti.*
P. Partner, *Renaissance Rome 1500-1559.*
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D. Waley, *Medieval Orvieto (1157-1334).*

V. Social Structure

C. M. Ady, *Morals and Manners of the Quattrocento.*
Samuel K. Cohn, *The Laboring Classes in Renaissance Florence.*
Lauro Martines, *The Social World of the Florentine Humanists, 1200-1500.*
Edward Muir, *Civic Ritual in Renaissance Florence.*
Brian Pullan, *Rich and Poor in Renaissance Venice.*
Guido Ruggiero, *Violence in Early Renaissance Venice.*
Richard Trexler, *Public Life in Renaissance Florence.*

VI. The Family

J. Heers, *Family Clans in the Middle Ages.*
David Herlihy, *Medieval Households.*
______, *Opera Muliebria: Women & Work in Medieval Europe.*
F. W. Kent, *Household and Lineage in Renaissance Florence.*
J. Kirshner and A. Molho, "The Dowry Fund and the Marriage Market in
C. Klapisch-Zuber, Women, Family and Ritual in Renaissance Italy.
T. Kuehn, Emancipation in Late Medieval Florence.

VII. The Artist and Society

Michael Baxandall, Painting and Experience in Fifteenth Century Italy.
S. Y. Edgerton, Jr., Pictures and Punishment: Art and Criminal
Prosecution during the Florentine Renaissance.
Joan Gadol, Leon Battista Alberti.
John Larner, Culture and Society in Italy 1290-1420.

VIII. The Economy; The Black Death

Raymond De Roover, The Rise and Decline of the Medici Bank 1397-1494.
C. M. Cipolla, "The Trends in Italian Economic History in the later
pp. 181-184.
Michael W. Dols, The Black Death in the Middle East.
Frederic C. Lane, Andrea Barbarigo, Merchant of Venice.
F. C. Lane & R. C. Mueller, Money and Banking in Medieval &
Renaissance Venice.
R. S. Lopez and H. A. Miskimin, "The Economic Depression of the
pp. 408-27; Debate between Lopez, Miskimin and Cipolla in vol. 16
(1964) pp. 519-529.
Harry A. Miskimin, The Economy of Early Renaissance Europe 1300-1460.
Anthony Molho, Florentine Public Finances in the Early Renaissance
1400-1433.
Iris Origo, The Merchant of Prato, Francesco di Marco Datini.
Philip Ziegler, The Black Death.

IX. Humanism; Renaissance Philosophy

Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance.
E. Cassirer, P. O. Kristeller and J. M. Randall Jr., eds. The
Renaissance Philosophy of Man.
Eugenio Garin, Italian Humanism: Philosophy and Civic Life in the
Renaissance.
Eugenio Garin, Astrology in the Renaissance.
B. G. Kohl and R. Witt, The Earthly Republic: Italian Humanists in
Government and Society.


J. Seigel and Hans Baron on Civic Humanism in *Past and Present* vol. 34 (1966) and vol. 36 (1967).


J. Seigel and Hans Baron on Civic Humanism in *Past and Present* vol. 34 (1966) and vol. 36 (1967).


Brian Vickers, ed., *Occult and Scientific Mentalities in the Renaissance*.

D. P. Walker, *Spiritual and Demonic magic from Finino to Campanella*.

Renee Neu Watkins, *Writings on Freedom from Fifteenth Century Florence*.

Roberto Weiss, *The Dawn of Humanism in Italy*.


Frances Yates, *Giordano Bruno and the Hermetic Tradition*.

X. Views of History

P. Bondanella, *Francesco Guicciardini*.

Peter Burke, *The Renaissance Sense of the Past*.

Eric Cochrane, *Historians and Historiography in the Italian Renaissance*.

W. K. Ferguson, *The Renaissance in Historical Thought*.

Felix Gilbert, *History: Choice and Commitment*.

L. Green, *Chronicle into History*.


N. S. Streuver, *The Language of History in the Renaissance*.

D. J. Wilcox, *The Development of Florentine Humanist Historiography*.

XI. Education


W. H. Woodward, *Studies in Education during the Age of the Renaissance*.

__________, *Vittorino da Feltre and Other Humanist Educators*. 
XII. Warfare and Diplomacy

C. C. Bayley, *War and Society in Renaissance Florence.*
Donald E. Queller, *Early Venetian Legislation on Ambassadors.*
Michael Mallett, *Mercenaries and Their Masters.*

XIII. Politics and Society

C. M. Ady, *Lorenzo de' Medici and Renaissance Italy.*
Marvin B. Becker, *Florence in Transition.*
W. M. Bowsky, *Henry VII in Italy.*
A. Brown, *Bartolomeo Scala 1430-1497, Chancellor of Florence.*
Gene A. Brucker, *Florentine Politics and Society 1343-1378.*
M. Bullard, *Filippo Strozzi and the Medici.*
H. Butterfield, *The Statecraft of Machiavelli.*
F. Chabod, *Machiavelli and the Renaissance.*
Charles T. Davis, *Dante's Italy and Other Essays.*
R. Finlay, *Politics in Renaissance Venice.*
A. Gewirth, *Marsilius of Padua.*
Felix Gilbert, *Machiavelli and Guicciardini.*
Werner L. Gundersheimer, *Ferrars, The Style of a Renaissance Despotism.*
Curt S. Gutkind, *Cosimo de' Medici, Pater Patriae.*
Michael Mallett, *The Borgias.*
Lauro Martines, *Lawyers and Statecraft in Renaissance Florence.*
John M. Najemy, *Corporatism and Consensus in Florentine Electoral Politics 1280-1400.*
Peter Partner, *The Lands of St. Peter.*
Cecil Roth, *The Last Florentine Republic*.
F. Shevill, *The Medici*.
J. N. Stephens, *The Fall of the Florentine Republic 1512-1530*.
D. Weinstein, *Savonarola and Florence*.