Department of History
University of Wisconsin-Madison
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H 333 The Renaissance M. Mazzaoui

Required Textbooks:
Lauro Martines, Power and Imagination: City-States In Renaissance Italy (Johns Hopkins P.B.)
Gene Brucker, Renaissance Florence (University of California Press P.B.)
Benjamin B. Kohl and Alison A. Smith, Major Problems in the History of the Italian Renaissance (D.C. Heath P.B.)
Judith C. Brown and Robert C. Davis, Gender and Society in Renaissance Italy (Longman P.B.)

Course Requirements:
Two essay examinations (midterm and final). Fourth Credit Option: one paper (6-7 pp.). Honors: one (8-10 pp.) paper. Papers due November 15.
Attendance Policy: Attendance in lectures and discussion sections is mandatory. Excessive absence (3 or more unexcused cuts) will negatively affect the final grade.

Lecture Schedule

9/4-6 The Concept of the Renaissance
Kohl & Smith, pp. 4-26; Brown & Davis, Introduction

9/11-13 The Italian City-Republics
Martines, chs. 1-3; Brucker, ch. 4, pp. 128-137
Kohl & Smith, pp. 83-94, 165-6

9/18-20 Religion, Politics and Society in the Age of Dante
Martines, chs. 4-6; Brucker, ch. 5, pp. 172-180;
Brown & Davis, chs. 5, 6

9/25-27 The Black death and its Aftermath
Brucker, chs. 1-2; Kohl & Smith, ch. 3; Brown & Davis, ch. 6

10/2-4 The Aristocratic Family (Florence, Venice, Genoa, Rome)
Brucker, ch. 3, pp. 89-118; Kohl & Smith, pp. 94-112, 317-50;
Brown & Davis, chs. 3, 4, 7

10/16-18 The Republican Tradition, Civic Ritual
Brucker, ch. 4, pp. 137-171; Kohl & Smith, pp. 392-412, 419-20;
Brown & Davis, chs. 1, 2
10/23-25  The Rise of Despotism  
Martines, ch. 7; Kohl & Smith, pp. 146-56

10/30  MIDTERM EXAMINATION

11/1-6  Renaissance Humanism; Education  
Martines ch. 11; Kohl & Smith, pp. 26-9; 216-313

11/8  Art and Culture in the Early Renaissance  
Brucker, ch. 3, pp. 118-127

11/13-15  Florence under the Medici; The Platonic Academy  
Brucker, ch. 3, pp. 118-127; Kohl & Smith pp. 26-9, 216-313

11/20  Lay Piety; The Renaissance Papacy  
Martines, ch. 15, pp. 304-310; Brucker, ch, 5, pp. 181-212;  
Kohl & Smith, pp. 413-419;

11/22-25  THANKSGIVING

11/27-29  War and Diplomacy; The Invasions of Italy  
Martines, ch. 14; Brucker ch. 7, pp. 256-266

12/4-6  Politics and History: Machiavelli and Guicciardini  
Martines, ch. 14, pp. 310-17; Brucker, ch. 7, pp. 267-280;  
Kohl & Smith, pp. 177-211

12/11-13  Courtly Society; The Culture of the High Renaissance  
Martines, ch. 15, pp. 317-331; Kohl & Smith, pp. 423-456

12/16  FINAL EXAMINATION  (Sunday, 12:25 P.M.)

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