Reformation Europe

This course introduces students to one of the most dramatic periods of change, when the medieval consensus, which we now call the Medieval Church, shattered into many Churches, each claiming exclusive knowledge of the truth. The course will explore cultural, intellectual, and political dimensions of that shattering, which laid the foundations for the world as we now know it.

Requirements:
The lectures are intended to provide students with the narrative and analytic structure of the course. For those who wish more details, a number of textbooks are on reserve.

Students are expected to participate in discussion on Fridays, which focus on the assigned reading.

Students must complete all written assignments in the course: 2 essays, midterm, and final.

Books to be purchased at the University Bookstore:
Christopher Columbus, The Four Voyages (Penguin)
Thomas More, Utopia (Norton Critical Editions)
The Protestant Reformation, edited Hans J. Hillerbrand (Harper Torchbooks)
The Augsburg Confession (Fortress)
Ignatius Loyola, The Spiritual Exercises (Loyola)
Teresa of Avila, The Life of Teresa of Jesus (Image)
Jonathan Spence, The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci (Penguin)
Michel de Montaigne, An Apology for Raymond Sebond (Penguin)
Blaise Pascal, Pensées (Penguin)

The Course Reader [CR], available at Bob’s Copy Shop, University Square, contains the readings from The Counter Reformation, edited Martin D.W. Jones (Cambridge).
Lectures & Readings

Introductory
January 18  “Reformation”
January 20  1492

Reading: Columbus, *Four Voyages*, pp. 27-76, 115-123

A Changing Relation to the Past: The “Middle Ages” and the “Renaissance”
January 23  “Medieval” “Christendom”
January 25  The Dead Among Us: Holy Places and Holy Objects
January 27  discussion

Reading: More, *Utopia*

The Recovery of Christian Antiquity: Sacred Texts and Their Scholars
January 30  Erasmus of Rotterdam and the Philosophy of Christ
February 1  Martin Luther Reads Paul
February 3  discussion

Reading: Hillerbrand, Part I to p.63

The Culture of the Gospel
February 6  The Word Printed and Preached
February 8  “This Do”
February 10  meet in Special Collections

First paper due

Reading:  *CR: The Counter Reformation*, pp. 15, 102-105

“Evangelicals”
February 13  Augsburg
February 15  Anabaptists & Revolutionaries
February 17  discussion

Reading: Hillerbrand, Part I, pp. 63-66, Parts II & III

Religion and Politics: The Case of the Holy Roman Empire
February 20  The Emperor
February 22  Princes & Prelates
February 24  The Cities

Reading: *The Augsburg Confession*

Religion and Politics: The Case of England
February 27  The Tudors and Reform
March 1  evangelicalism in the parishes
March 3  **midterm**

**Reading:**  Hillerbrand, Part V

The Society of Jesus

March 6  Ignatius Loyola
March 8  The First Jesuits
March 10  discussion

**Reading:** Loyola, *The Spiritual Exercises*

**Spring Break**

A Church of Refuges: The Reformed Tradition

March 20  John Calvin
March 22  Confessions: Forming Churches “Under the Cross”
March 24  discussion

**Reading:** Hillerbrand, Part IV

“Catholicism” Exported and Translated

March 27  Spain: From Reconquista to Conquistadores
March 29  “New Worlds”: Catholic Missions in the Americas and Asia
March 31  Catholicism Translated: Churches in Lima and Goa, Manila and Munich

**Reading:** Jonathan Spence, *The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci*, pp. 1-127

Instituting Reform: “Catholicism”

April 3  The Church Reformed in Head and Members: The Council of Trent
April 5  Vision in the service of faith
April 7  discussion  **Second paper due**

**Reading:**  CR: *The Counter Reformation*, pp. 87-95, 112-115

Teresa of Avila, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus*, Chapters I-IV, VII-XI, XVIII, XX, XXII, XXIV, XXVII-XIX

Religion and Politics: The Case of France

April 10  One Law, One Faith, One King
April 12  A House Divided: The Wars of Religion
April 14  discussion

**Reading:** Montaigne, *An Apology for Raymond Sebond*

Religion and Politics: The Thirty Years’ War

April 22  Cuius regio, eius religio: The Failure of Boundaries
April 24  The Map of Europe Redrawn: New States and Nations
April 26  discussion

Reading:  The Peace of Westphalia
1648: New Boundaries and New Definitions
April 29  “Witchcraft”
May 1    “Religion” Redefined
May 3    discussion

Reading: CR: *The Counter Reformation*, Chapters 7 & 8

New Bearings
May 6    “Science”
May 8    “Superstition”
May 10   discussion

Reading: Blaise Pascal, *Pensées*:
  Section One: I-VII, IX-XVIII, XXIII, XXVI-XXVII
  Section Two: Series II-VIII, XI, XIX, XXV-XXVI
  Section Three: entire

Final Exam