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367 Course Requirements

NOTE THAT THIS IS A THREE CREDIT COURSE; UNDERGRADUATES CAN TAKE IT WITH OR WITHOUT HONORS.

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LECTURE SLIDES ARE HERE

Undergraduates:

This is a 3 credit course; you can take it with or without Honors

Requirements:
- attend lectures (1641 Mosse Humanities, 4-5:15 Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- do the reading (for details see the course schedule) and explore this web site.
- two midterms (in class; 10/6 and 11/17.)
- a final exam (12:25PM, Saturday, 12/19; place to be announced.)
- Honors students do a term paper of 5-6 pages, double-spaced, 10-12 point font; include a list of books and articles you use (due 12/10)
- If you cannot complete the Honors paper by December 15, make sure to drop the Honors credit in good time! To do this please visit your MyUW site and follow the links to update your current course information.

- Reading: the course schedule lists readings for each week. In addition, your term paper will need to cite at least two books and/or articles (but not web sites) in addition to these readings. Here are three books that you might find useful, both in doing your term paper and more generally; all are available on reserve in College Library: (1) Keith Wrightson, *English Society 1580-1680*; (2) Keith Thomas, *Religion and the Decline of Magic*; (3) J. P. Sommerville, *Royalists and Patriots. Politics and Ideology in England 1603-1640*.

Visit here for information on how to get a good grade.

Honors Term paper: write on one of these topics
(1) How and why did English society change in the century between 1580 and 1680?

(2) What arguments did people in the seventeenth century use in favor of and against the Divine Right of Kings? How convincing were the arguments, and why did people find them persuasive?

(3) Why did religious and political radicalism spread in England in the mid-seventeenth century, what did the radicals want, and why did they fail to attain their objectives?

(4) another topic, by arrangement.

A note on term papers and the Internet:
The term paper should cite at least two sources in addition to the course reading. You can find many sources in the footnotes and endnotes of the course reading, and in the three books listed above under "Reading." There is an excellent search engine at this link. A good link for buying books is here.

Be careful about using sources from the Internet, as they are not always reliable. As a general rule, use printed, published sources (though it's fine to use them in pdf versions available on the Internet.)

An extensive reading list on various aspects of early modern Britian, arranged by topic, is here.

Some useful web sites are: The Dictionary of National Biography (known as DNB): DA 28 D48 2 (Reference Room; 2S). This is a comprehensive, multi-volume work. It has recently been updated and is available electronically to UW students by clicking the link above;

   British History Online.
   British and US constitutional history
   Centred on English dissenters but with web links to many other English history topics.
   History online.

A good guide on questions of style, grammar etc. is available at The UW Writer's Handbook.
Finally, be aware that you should be careful to give proper citations for things you take
from the Internet or from printed books and articles; take a look at this information on academic misconduct.

**How much are the exams (etc.) worth?**

Non-honors students: each mid-term 25%; final 50%
Honors students: term paper term paper 25%; each mid-term 18.75%; final 37.5%.

**Graduates:**

- attend lectures
- 2 term papers (12-15 pp. including notes and bibliography; due 10/22; 12/15.)

Topics by arrangement. (Total grade consists of 50% for each paper.)
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Schedule of Topics:

Readings for each week are listed below; either read them online or print them out. Your term paper will need to cite at least two printed books and/or articles (plus as many web sites as you like) in addition to these readings. Here are three books that you might find useful, both in doing your term paper and more generally; all are available on reserve in College Library: (1) Keith Wrightson, English Society 1580-1680; (2) Keith Thomas, Religion and the Decline of Magic; (3) J. P. Sommerville, Royalists and Patriots. Politics and Ideology in England 1603-1640.

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Lecture Topics

1. Introduction: society and ideas (9/03-08)
   Part I
   Part II

Documents & readings

Shakespeare on England
William Shakespeare by Peter Holland (if the link does not work, go to the Memorial Library web site, then to Databases, then to Oxford Dictionary of National Biography,
and finally search for William Shakespeare; you'll need to sign in with your UW ID and password

Britain in 1500 by Steven Gunn
Wrong Side of the River by Jessica Browner.
Elizabethan Life

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<th>2. English institutions (9/10-15)</th>
<th>Britain in 1600 by John Miller</th>
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<td>Monarchy and government</td>
<td>From David Hume's History of England</td>
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<td>The Church and Religion -I</td>
<td>Elizabethan and Jacobean England; also sample some of the links on the left.</td>
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<td>The Church and Religion - II</td>
<td>Bancroft - Survey</td>
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<td>Barrow - Discovery</td>
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<th>3. English society (9/17-22)</th>
<th>Description Of Elizabethan England</th>
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<td>Social structure</td>
<td>English population</td>
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<td>Women in society</td>
<td>Cleaver &amp; Dod - Household government</td>
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<td>The Family</td>
<td>Macfarlane on Stone</td>
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<td>The Economy</td>
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<th>4. Divine Right, Patriarchalism, Common Law and Constitutionalism (9/24-29)</th>
<th>Mocket - God and the King</th>
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<td>The Divine Right of Kings - I</td>
<td>Filmer - Patriarcha</td>
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<td>The Divine Right of Kings - II</td>
<td>James - Speech to Parliament</td>
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<td>Filmer's patriarchalism</td>
<td>Hedley - Speech to Parliament</td>
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<th>5. Contract, Resistance, and Parliament (10/01-10/08)</th>
<th>Vindiciae contra tyrannos</th>
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<td>Protestant resistance theory</td>
<td>John Floyd - God and the king</td>
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<td>Catholic resistance theory</td>
<td>Manetsch - The Saint Bartholomew's Day massacre; and, with much more material, here.</td>
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| 10/06: FIRST MIDTERM, IN CLASS |

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<th>6. The Onset of Civil War (10/15-20)</th>
<th>Buckingham in verse</th>
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<td>Early Stuart England:</td>
<td>Prynne Histrio-mastix</td>
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<td>Cornwallis - On alehouses</td>
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Parliamentarian and Royalist theory in the Civil Wars (1642-6) and Interregnum (1649-60)

7. Political and Religious Radicals (10/22-27)
   Levellers and Diggers
   Other religious radicals

An Agreement of the people
Denne - The Levellers design
Wood - The Levellers (falsely so called)
Levellers and sects in verse
Dell - Building of the Church
Winstanley - Letter to Fairfax
Coppe - A Fiery Flying Roll
Kishlansky - The Army and the Levellers: The Roads to Putney

8. Republicans and Whigs (10/29-11/03)
   Harrington, Sidney and Locke

Harrington - Oceana Excerpts
Sidney - Speech on the scaffold
Wren - Monarchy asserted

   Hobbes
   Hobbes II
   Religious Toleration

Hobbes - Excerpts
Coke - Survey of Hobbes
Ross - Leviathan drawn out
Objections answered
11/17: SECOND MIDTERM, IN CLASS

10. Popular Culture (11/19-12/03)
   Providence and Prophecy
   Magic and Medicine
   Ghosts, fairies and omens
   Astrology

   Francis Bacon from Essay XXXV: Of Prophecies
   Hilliard Fire from heaven
   Corbet Ballad
   Rudstone Prognostication
   Foulweather Prognostication
   Camden Astrology in Shakespeare's Day
   Wright Astrology and Science in Seventeenth-Century England

11/26-11/29: THANKSGIVING RECESS

11. Witchcraft (12/08-15)
   Prosecution and beliefs
   Dynamics and decline

   Henry Holland A Treatise against witchcraft:
   The Most wonderfull and true storie
   Witches Apprehended, Examined and Executed
   Reginald Scot, Discovery of witchcraft
   Holmes, Women: Witnesses and Witches

HONORS PAPERS DUE 12/15

12/19, SATURDAY; 12:25PM: FINAL; PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED
Schedule of Topics