This course explores the relationship between the Enlightenment and religion. Our first session will be devoted to definitions of the Enlightenment in the eighteenth and twenty-first centuries. We will then probe two related issues. First, how did the *philosophes* view religion? We will read such key thinkers as Locke, Pufendorf, Voltaire, Rousseau and Lessing on such critical issues as toleration, natural religion and the relationship between reason and revelation.

We will then shift to ask the less conventional question of the uses theologians or clergy made of the Enlightenment. In this connection we will read thinkers affiliated with movements of religious renewal such as the Anglican Moderate William Warburton, the Reform Catholic Lodovico Muratori and the maskil (Jewish Enlightener) Moses Mendelssohn.

The course will cross national borders (England, France, German states and Habsburg empire) and confessional boundaries (Protestanism, Catholicism, Judaism). Our focus will be Western and Central Europe.

The course will be divided into two phases. We will have common readings of primary sources and scholarship for the first seven weeks. These are designed to familiarize you with major issues and approaches. The remaining weeks will be devoted to presentations of research in progress.

The requirements for the course are:
1. A three page evaluation of one of the common readings (due by the beginning of the class when the book is discussed). You should chose a book that is relevant to your anticipated research project.
2. A five page review of a scholarly book (chosen in consultation with the instructor) that is relevant to your research project (due by November 1st) and a ten minute oral report on the book. 3. A twenty-five page double-spaced research paper on a subject to be chosen in consultation with the instructor. In preparation for this paper you will be asked to prepare a prospectus (3-5 pages) and bibliography by November 8th; a first draft of the paper by November 29th; and to give a twenty minute oral report in the concluding weeks of the semester.

Required Readings:
Primary Sources:
Jean Le Rond D’Alembert, *Preliminary Discourse to the Encyclopedia of Diderot* (Chicago)
John Locke, *The Reasonableness of Christianity* (Stanford)
John Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration* (Buffalo, NY, Prometheus Books)
Samuel Pufendorf, *Of the Nature and Qualification of Religion in Reference to Civil Society* (Liberty Fund)
Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, *Lessing's Theological Writings* (Stanford)
Moses Mendelssohn, *Jerusalem, or on Religious Power and Judaism* trs. Arkush (Hanover, NH, University Press of New England)
William Warburton, *The Alliance between Church and State* (Humanities Copy Center)
Lodovico Muratori, *The Science of Rational Devotion* (Humanities Copy Center)
Secondary Sources:
Ernst Cassirer, *The Philosophy of the Enlightenment* (Princeton, 1951)

Required books are available for purchase at UBS and the Humanities Copy Center. Articles are available on-line at the Undergraduate library (listed under Library Reserves for the course).

September 13th
"What is Enlightenment?"
D'Alembert, *Preliminary Discourse to the Encyclopedia of Diderot*, 3-14, 60-105
Immanuel Kant, "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?" 58-64.

"What was Enlightenment?"

September 20th
Locke, *The Reasonableness of Christianity*

September 27th
Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*
Samuel Pufendorf, *Of the Nature and Qualification of Religion in Reference to Civil Society* 11-121

October 4th No Class!!!  Spend the week on your research project

October 11th
Lessing's Theological Writings, 51-106
Rousseau, “Creed of a Savoyard Vicar,” Émile
Voltaire, “Sermon of the Fifty”

October 18th
William Warburton, The Alliance between Church and State

October 25th
Mendelssohn, Jerusalem
Alexander Altmann, “Introduction,” to Jerusalem, 3-28

November 1st
Muratori, The Science of Rational Devotion