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 Moses Mendelssohn of the Haskalah (Jewish Enlightenment).

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 March 19th) 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 April 4th; a first draft of the paper by May 2nd; 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* (get master copy from Sorkin)
Lodovico Muratori, *The Science of Rational Devotion* (photocopy at TechStore)
Secondary Sources:
Ernst Cassirer, *The Philosophy of the Enlightenment* (Princeton, 1951)
Aside from the required books for purchase (available at UBS), readings are available on-line at the Undergraduate library.

February 1st
"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?"

February 8th
Locke, The Reasonableness of Christianity
Cassirer, "The Dogma of Original Sin and the Problem of Theodicy," in The Philosophy of the Enlightenment, 137-160

February 15th
Locke, A Letter Concerning Toleration
Samuel Pufendorf, Of the Nature and Qualification of Religion in Reference to Civil Society 11-121
Cassirer, "Tolerance and the Foundation of Natural Religion," The Philosophy of the Enlightenment, 160-182.

February 22nd
Lessing's Theological Writings, 51-106
Rousseau, "Creed of a Savoyard Vicar," Émile
Voltaire, “Sermon of the Fifty”

February 29th
William Warburton, The Alliance between Church and State
March 7th
Mendelssohn, Jerusalem
Alexander Altmann, “Introduction,” to Jerusalem, 3-28

March 14th
Muratori, The Science of Rational Devotion
On-line/Reserve readings:


Rousseau, “Creed of a Savoyard Vicar,” *Émile* (Everyman, 1993) 274-308


James E. Bradley & Dale Van Kley eds., *Religion and Politics in Enlightenment Europe* (Notre Dame, 2001) 1-17 (Feb. 1); 46-49, 58-88 (March 14th)


Lynn Hunt, “Enlightenment Studies,” 1:418-30

David Sorkin, “Haskalah,” 2:186-89

Mario Rosa, “Benedict XIV” 1:134-36