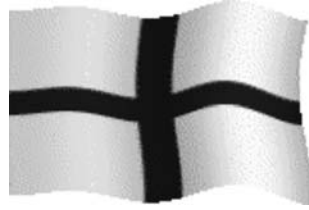


HISTORY 123: ENGLAND TO 1688



FALL SEMESTER, 2015

NOTE: THIS IS A 3 CREDIT COURSE: THERE IS NO TA AND THERE ARE NO DISCUSSION SECTIONS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11-12:15, 1641 Mosse Humanities.

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This course deals with more than sixteen hundred years of British history, from the coming of the Romans to the Glorious Revolution of 1688. It focuses on the major events and most momentous social changes which shaped the development of the English people. The objectives of the course are (i) to investigate how a small island off the coast of Continental Europe came to be a world power which exercised an incalculable influence on history and culture around the globe; (ii) to foster an understanding of societies very different from our own; and (iii) to enhance critical and analytical thinking, and communication skills.

The first part of the course examines the impact of the successive invasions of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans. Topics covered include the evolution of the English church and state during the Middle Ages, the nature of feudalism, the troubled reign of King John, and the effects of the Black Death and other plagues on English life in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

The second part of the course starts with the Wars of the Roses and deals with the last phase of the Middle Ages and the beginnings of modern England. Topics discussed will include the dissolution of the monasteries and the destruction of the church's independence, reforms in government under the Tudors, the steep growth of population, and resulting economic stresses. Particular attention will be given to the reign of Elizabeth I, and to the origins of the English Civil War in the 1640s. The course ends with an analysis of the significance of the Glorious Revolution of 1688.

Weekly readings

[Lecture outlines](#)

[Lecture Slides](#)

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Required texts:

- + C. Warren Hollister, *The Making of England 55 B.C. to 1399*.
- + Lacey Baldwin Smith, *This Realm of England: 1399 to 1688*.

In addition, some documents will be assigned each week to read in preparation for the weekly discussion session. For approximate details, click [Course schedule](#) (your TA will give you precise details in each week's discussion.)

Required tasks:

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

Non-Honors students will:

- + attend lectures;
- + take two mid-term [exams](#) in class (10/8 and 11/19) and a final [exam](#) (12:25PM on Wednesday 12/23; place to be announced.)
- + explore the lecture outlines by clicking [here](#).

Honors students will have the same tasks, and in addition will write a [term paper](#). The term paper (due in class by 12/15) should be in 10-12 point font, double-spaced, and about 5-6 pages in length; in addition to the 5-6 pages of text, the paper should also include a bibliography, and references to things you have read, giving your sources, and it should show familiarity with at least two books or articles in addition to the course reading. See [The Writing Center](#) site on how to cite references in your paper.

You can either arrange a topic with me, or write on one of the following topics:

- (i) To what extent were King John's problems of his own making, and to what extent did he inherit them from his predecessors?
- (ii) What were the most serious problems which faced Elizabeth I, and how successful was she in overcoming them?

If you cannot complete the Honors paper by 12/15, 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.

You are responsible for keeping up with the readings. Click on [Course schedule](#) to link to details of each week's reading.

How much are the exams (etc.) worth?

3 credit non-honors students: each midterm 25%; final 50%

3 credit honors students: term paper 30%; each mid-term 17.5%; final 35%

Quick Reference

1. [Introduction: England, the English, and their history \(09/03-08\)](#)
2. [Roman and Anglo-Saxon England \(09/10-15\)](#)
3. [The end of Anglo-Saxon England and the Normans \(09/17-22\)](#)
4. [Henry II and his sons \(09/24-29\)](#)
5. [Henry III, Edward I, and Edward II \(10/01-10/06\)](#)

EXAM: IN CLASS, OCT. 8.

6. [Edward III to Henry IV \(10/13-15\)](#)
7. [Wars of the Roses \(10/20-22\)](#)
8. [Yorkists to Tudors \(10/27-29\)](#)
9. [Henry VIII and the Reformation \(11/03-05\)](#)
10. [Mid-Tudor England and Elizabeth I \(11/10-17\)](#)

EXAM: IN CLASS NOV. 19.

11. [James I \(11/24\)](#)

THANKSGIVING RECESS: NOV. 26-29.

12. [Charles I and the Civil War \(12/01-12/03\)](#)

13. Civil War, Interregnum, Restoration, and Glorious Revolution (12/08-15)

HONORS PAPERS DUE: DEC. 15

FINAL EXAM: 10:05 AM ON WEDNESDAY 12/23; PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.



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Outline of, and guide to, History 123 lectures

(*Lecture slides*)



<u>England and English history: The Basics</u>	
<u>The course of English history before 1688 in outline</u>	
<u>Medieval Outline</u>	
<u>Tudor-Stuart Outline</u>	
<u>Prehistoric Britain</u>	
<u>Roman Britain</u>	
<u>The Decline of Roman Britain</u>	
<u>Anglo Saxon England</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England II</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England - the spread of Christianity</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England IV</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England V - Wessex and the Vikings</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England VI - Alfred the Great & his successors</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England VII - The Later Anglo-Saxon years</u>	
<u>Anglo-Saxon England VIII Cnut to Harold II</u>	<u><i>(King Canute and the waves)</i></u>
<u>The Norman Conquest</u>	<u><i>(The Battle of Hastings)</i></u> <u><i>(Feudalism)</i></u>

<u>Norman government and administration</u>
<u>The Norman Church</u>
<u>Stephen, Matilda & Civil War</u>
<u>Henry II</u>
<u>Henry II and Common Law</u>
<u>Richard I</u>
<u>The Twelfth Century Renaissance</u>
<u>King John</u>
<u>The Crisis of John's reign</u>
<u>Magna Carta</u>
<u>The accession of Henry III</u>
<u>Henry III's personal rule</u>
<u>Henry III and rebellion</u>
<u>Medieval English society</u>
<u>The Medieval English Church</u>
<u>Medieval English government</u>
<u>Edward I</u>
<u>The wars of Edward I</u>
<u>Edward I and Parliament</u>
<u>Edward II</u>
<u>The Fall of Edward II</u>
<u>Edward III at war</u>
<u>Edward III and England</u>
<u>The Black Death</u>
<u>The Peasants' Revolt</u>
<u>Richard II</u>
<u>The Deposition of Richard II</u>
<u>Henry IV</u>

<u>Henry V</u>
<u>Lollardy</u>
<u>The End of the Hundred Years' War</u>
<u>Henry VI and the outbreak of the Wars of the Roses</u>
<u>The Wars of the Roses II - 1460 - 1461</u>
<u>The Wars of the Roses III - Edward IV to Richard III</u>
<u>The End of the Wars of the Roses</u>
<u>The Causes of the Wars of the Roses</u>
<u>Henry VII</u>
<u>The domestic and foreign policy of Henry VII</u>
<u>The accession of Henry VIII</u>
<u>Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey</u>
<u>England in 1529</u>
<u>The Henrician Reformation I</u>
<u>The Henrician Reformation II</u>
<u>Administrative and social reform</u>
<u>The last years of Henry and the accession of Edward VI</u>
<u>Edward and Somerset</u>
<u>Edward VI</u>
<u>Edward and the Fall of Northumberland</u>
<u>Queen Mary</u>
<u>The Mid Tudor Crisis</u>
<u>The Government of Elizabeth I</u>
<u>Elizabeth and her parliaments</u>
<u>Elizabeth I's foreign policy</u>
<u>Elizabeth's foreign policy (2)</u>
<u>England and Scotland in the reign of Elizabeth</u>
<u>Elizabeth and Ireland</u>

<u>The reign of Elizabeth 1558-1570</u>	
<u>The reign of Elizabeth 1571- 1585</u>	
<u>The reign of Elizabeth 1586 - 1603</u>	
<u>Elizabethan trade and exploration</u>	
<u>James I</u>	<u><i>The Gunpowder Plot</i></u>
<u>The government of James I</u>	
<u>James I & Buckingham</u>	
<u>Charles I & Buckingham</u>	
<u>The Crisis of 1626</u>	
<u>The La Rochelle Expedition</u>	
<u>The Petition of Right</u>	
<u>The Death of Buckingham</u>	
<u>The Personal Rule of Charles I</u>	
<u>Charles isolated</u>	
<u>The outbreak of Civil War</u>	
<u>The first years of War</u>	
<u>Changing fortunes of war</u>	
<u>The end of Charles I</u>	
<u>The rule of the Rump</u>	
<u>Cromwell's Protectorate</u>	
<u>The Collapse of the Protectorate</u>	
<u>The Restoration</u>	
<u>James II and the Glorious Revolution</u>	

