

Department of History
University of Wisconsin-Madison
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H 333

The Renaissance

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Required Textbooks:

Lauro Martines, *Power and Imagination: City-States In Renaissance Italy* (Johns Hopkins P.B.)

Gene Brucker, *Renaissance Florence* (University of California Press P.B.)

Benjamin B. Kohl and Alison A. Smith, *Major Problems in the History of the Italian Renaissance* (D.C. Heath P.B.)

Judith C. Brown and Robert C. Davis, *Gender and Society in Renaissance Italy* (Longman P.B.)

Course Requirements:

Two essay examinations (midterm and final). Fourth Credit Option: one paper (6-7 pp.).

Honors: one (8-10 pp.) paper. Papers due November 15.

Attendance Policy: Attendance in lectures and discussion sections is mandatory. Excessive absence (3 or more unexcused cuts) will negatively affect the final grade.

Lecture Schedule

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| 9/ 4-6 | The Concept of the Renaissance
Kohl & Smith, pp. 4-26; Brown & Davis, Introduction |
| 9/11-13 | The Italian City-Republics
Martines, chs, 1-3; Brucker, ch. 4, pp. 128-137
Kohl & Smith, pp. 83-94, 165-6 |
| 9/18-20 | Religion, Politics and Society in the Age of Dante
Martines, chs. 4-6; Brucker, ch. 5 , pp. 172-180;
Brown & Davis, chs. 5, 8. |
| 9/25-27 | The Black death and its Aftermath
Brucker, chs. 1-2; Kohl & Smith, ch. 3; Brown & Davis, ch. 6 |
| 10/2-4 | The Aristocratic Family (Florence, Venice, Genoa, Rome)
Brucker, ch. 3, pp. 89-118; Kohl & Smith, pp. 94-112, 317-50;
Brown & Davis, chs. 3, 4, 7 |
| 10/16-18 | The Republican Tradition; Civic Ritual
Brucker, ch. 4, pp. 137-171; Kohl & Smith, pp. 392-412, 419-20;
Brown & Davis, chs, 1, 2 |

- 10/23-25 The Rise of Despotism
Martines, ch. 7; Kohl & Smith, pp. 146-56
- 10/30 **MIDTERM EXAMINATION**
- 11/1-6 Renaissance Humanism; Education
Martines ch. 11; Kohl & Smith, pp. 26-9; 216-313
- 11/8 Art and Culture in the Early Renaissance
Brucker, ch. 3, pp. 118-127
- 11/13-15 Florence under the Medici; The Platonic Academy
Brucker, ch. 3, pp. 118-127; Kohl & Smith pp. 26-9, 216-313
- 11/20 Lay Piety; The Renaissance Papacy
Martines, ch. 15, pp. 304-310; Brucker, ch. 5, pp. 181-212;
Kohl & Smith, pp. 413-419;
- 11/22-25 **THANKSGIVING**
- 11/27-29 War and Diplomacy; The Invasions of Italy
Martines, ch. 14; Brucker ch. 7, pp. 256-266
- 12/4-6 Politics and History: Machiavelli and Guicciardini
Martines, ch. 14, pp. 310-17; Brucker, ch. 7, pp. 267-280;
Kohl & Smith, pp. 177-211
- 12/11-13 Courtly Society; The Culture of the High Renaissance
Martines, ch. 15, pp. 317-331; Kohl & Smith, pp. 423-456
- 12/16 **FINAL EXAMINATION (Sunday, 12:25 P.M.)**

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