

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
Department of History  
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History 333

THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

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Required Textbooks:

- Lauro Martines, Power and Imagination: City-States in Renaissance Italy  
(Knopf)  
Gene Brucker, Renaissance Florence (University of California)  
David Herlihy, The Family in Renaissance Italy (Forum Offprints)  
P. Bondanella and M. Musa, eds. and trs., The Portable Machiavelli  
(Penguin)

Reserve Books:

- Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance  
Jacob Burckhardt, The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy  
E. Cassirer, P.O. Kristeller and M. Randall, Jr., The Renaissance  
Philosophy of Man  
W.K. Ferguson, The Renaissance in Historical Thought  
John Hale, Florence and the Medici: The Pattern of Control  
G. Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy  
Daniel Waley, The Italian City Republics  
P. Vergerius, Treatise on Education (Xerox)

Course Requirements:

Weekly Discussion Sections required of all Undergraduates  
Mid-Term and Final Examinations; 3 credit option: short essay (4-5 pp.);  
4 credit option: term paper (10-12 pp.). Papers due: Thursday, April 2.  
Honors credit to be determined individually.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

(\* denotes suggested reading)

- 1/21-23 Introduction: The Concept of the Renaissance  
Burckhardt, Civilization (skim)  
\*Ferguson, The Renaissance in Historical Thought, chs. 7, 8, 11, 12
- 1/28-30 The Growth of the Italian City-Republics  
Municipal Institutions; Town and Countryside  
Martines, chs. I-III  
\*Waley, chs. 1-4
- 2/4-6 Urban Economy: Guilds and Industry  
Social Classes  
Martines, ch. IV  
Brucker, chs. 1 and 3  
\*Waley, ch. 5

- 2/11-13      The Population Catastrophe  
The 'Economic Depression' of the Renaissance  
Martines, ch. X  
Brucker, ch. 2
- 2/18            Changing Family Structure  
Brucker, ch. 3  
David Herlihy, The Family in Renaissance Italy
- 2/20-25        From Commune to Centralized Territorial State  
Republics and Despots: The Search for Political Stability  
Martines, chs. V, VII, IX  
Brucker, ch. 4  
\*Waley, ch. 6
- 2/27-3/3       Renaissance Culture and Education  
Civic Humanism  
Martines, chs. VI, VIII, IX  
Brucker, ch. 6, pp. 213-240  
The Renaissance Philosophy of Man, sect. I (Petrarch) and II (Valla)  
Vergerius, Treatise on Education  
\*Hans Baron, The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance (Introd.)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5 - MIDTERM EXAMINATION

- 3/7-15          Spring Recess
- 3/17-24        The Artist and Society in the Early Renaissance  
The Rise of the Medici  
Brucker, ch. 6, pp. 240-255  
\*Hale, chs. 1-2
- 3/26-31        The Humanism of the High Renaissance  
The Church and the Renaissance Papacy  
Martines, ch. XV, pp. 297-310  
Brucker, ch. 5  
Renaissance Philosophy of Man, sect. 3 (Ficino), 4 (Pico) and 5  
(Pomponazzi)
- 3/3-4/2        Consolidation of the States  
War and Diplomacy in the Renaissance  
Martines, ch. XIV  
Brucker, ch. 7  
\*G Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy, Pts. 1 and 2
- 4/7-4/9        The 'Indian Summer' of the Italian Economy  
Courtly Society: The New Aristocracy  
Martines, ch. III

- 4/14-16 Machiavelli and Renaissance Political Thought  
Historiography in the Renaissance  
Martines, ch. XV, pp. 310-317  
The Portable Machiavelli: The Prince, Discourses, Art of War
- 4/21-23 Italian Vernacular Literature  
Renaissance Drama  
Martines, ch. XIV, pp. 317-331  
The Portable Machiavelli: The Mandrake Root
- 4/28-30 The Fine Arts in Italy: The High Renaissance  
The City as an Ideal  
Martines, ch. XIII
- 5/5-7 Italy and the Diffusion of the Renaissance  
Martines, ch. XVI

THURS., MAY 14, 2:45 P.M. FINAL EXAMINATION