

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

SEMESTER 1 YEAR 1978-79

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
334	The Protestant Reformation	Kingdon

COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 334 is one of two courses on the history of Europe during the Reformation period. It deals with the Protestant Reformation, primarily in Germany, Switzerland, France, and the Netherlands, and primarily in the sixteenth century. Its companion course, History 335, deals with the Protestant Reformation in Britain, and the Catholic Reformation, primarily in Italy and Spain.

Lectures will explore two separate but related phenomena: (1) the development during this period of new religious ideas and institutions, and their significance for the future; (2) the impact of religious ideology on the politics, economy, culture, and society of Europe as illustrated in this period.

Readings will include a survey history of the period, for general information, and a book of essays backed by selected documents, designed to inform students on current research in the field and provide them with some of the raw material upon which this research is based.

LECTURES

There will be three lectures a week. These may be supplemented with some planned student panel discussions, and individual conferences with the instructor on paper and discussion topics.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

All students will be asked to write three examinations, two during the course of the semester, the final one at the end of the semester. Students electing the course for 4 hours credit will also be asked to prepare a term paper, in consultation with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

Three-hour students: each mid-term examination will count for 25% of the final grade; the final examination will count for 50%.

Four-hour students: the term paper will count for 25% of the final grade; each mid-term examination will count for 20%; the final examination will count for 35%.

Adjustments may be made to give credit for improvement during the semester.

REQUIRED READINGS

Harold J. Grimm, The Reformation Era, 1500-1650, 2nd ed. New York: Macmillan, 1973.

Robert M. Kingdon, ed., Transition and Revolution: Problems and Issues of European Renaissance and Reformation History. Minneapolis: Burgess, 1974.