

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester 1 Year 1984-1985

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
334	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 in its Lutheran, Calvinist, and Radical phases, 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 England, and the Catholic Reformation, primarily in Italy and Spain.

Lectures will first analyze European society on the eve of the Reformation, and then explore two separate but related phenomena: (1) the development during this period of new religious ideas and institutions, with 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 two collections of source documents from the period, to give students a direct introduction to the thought of intellectual leaders of the period.

LECTURES

There will be two lectures a week. If enrollment is high enough, there may also be discussion sections. There will be several planned student panel discussions, either in section or in the general course.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

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 four credits, will be asked to prepare two reports, either oral or written, in consultation with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

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

Four-hours students: the papers will count for 25% of the final grade; each mid-term examination will count for 20%; the final examination will count for 35%.
REQUIRED READINGS
Adjustments may be made to give credit for improvement.

Lewis W. Spitz, The Protestant Reformation, 1517-1559
Martin Luther, Selections, ed. by John Dillenberger
John Calvin, Selections, ed. by John Dillenberger