

# Course Outline: Medieval and Early Modern Europe

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

*Note for students: This short course outline is provided for planning purposes only. Course information is tentative and subject to change; the final course syllabus will be available by the first day of classes.*

### Course Code

AP/HIST 2220 6.0 Medieval and Early Modern Europe

### Course Description

This course surveys the history of Europe between the dates 1000 and 1700, the heart of the period usually termed “medieval and early modern.” The course will begin with an examination of the state of the world and Europe’s place in it in 1000. It then focuses on six themes: 1) religious beliefs and institutions; 2) expansion, war, and conquest; 3) intellectual life and artistic expression; 4) statecraft and politics; 5) gender relationships and daily life; 6) economics, food history and the environment. In lectures, we will work chronologically from monasticism to Martin Luther, from the Crusades to Cortés, from the beginnings of the universities to the beginnings of the Scientific Revolution, and from medieval lordship to absolute monarchies. By the close of the course, students will have gained a solid introduction to the major facts, forces and figures of this fascinating period in European history.

### Course Delivery

Delivery Mode: In-person

In-person lectures will be held twice a week and in-person tutorials, with 25 students, once a week. Tutorial readings will be tested on in-person class exams and be the basis for two essay assignments.

### Course Materials

Example readings: Jill N. Claster, *Sacred Violence: The European Crusades to the Middle East, 1095-1396*; Rosemary Horrox, *The Black Death*; Ada Palmer, *Inventing the Renaissance: Myths of a Golden Age*; Brian Levack, *The Witchcraft Sourcebook*.

## Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines

Assessment	Weight	Mode	Tentative Deadline
Tutorial Attendance and Participation	20%	In-person	Weekly
In-Class exams (three, 10%, 15%, 15%)	40%	In-person	Mid-October, early January, mid-February
Fall essay, based on tutorial readings	10%	Take-home	Early December
Winter essay, based on tutorial readings	15%	Take-home	Early April
Final Exam	15%	In-person	Exam Period
	100%		