

HIS 563: SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN EARLY MODERN ENGLISH HISTORY

This course is focused on “Special Problems in Early Modern English History.” In past semesters we have explored specific themes and periods, such as “Augustan England” and “Monarchy and Government in Tudor and Stuart England.” However, this semester the emphasis will not be on an embracing overview but rather on specific topics chosen by each student. Early modern England is to be interpreted broadly, from the late Middle Ages through the Industrial Revolution.

The requirements are simple. Students will devote all their energy preparing a research paper. You must first select and define a topic and locate the sources relevant to your research. Then, you will submit a bibliography and outline of your proposal, prepare a first draft and then a final draft, which will have to be a “solo flight.” That is, after the final draft has been approved, the instructor cannot approve and suggest a grade for the final draft before its submission.

In class we will investigate one particular problem, as you would research any other problem such as the paper you will write. This will be the Treason Laws from _____ to 1695; each student will receive a copy of a digest of these laws.

Aims and Objectives of this Course

The purpose of this course is to train students to prepare a research paper on a selected topic in early modern English history. Following the department’s guidelines, each student will select a topic suitable for investigation, prepare a bibliography of all relevant printed sources, submit a first draft which the instructor will then mark and return to the student who will then make the suggested changes and return a final draft to the instructor for a grade at the end of the course.

In preparing the paper each student should be aware that his/her sources are special topics in themselves. Students will want to present the historiography of his paper and then explain how the sources contribute to an understanding of the subject of his paper. Those students using primary sources will examine those items as special problems in themselves, with the help of the instructor.

Graduate students are expected to use both primary and secondary sources for their papers, while undergraduates may confine their research to secondary sources. Graduate papers should be about 30 pages in length, while undergraduates may submit a paper of approximately 20 pages.

CLASS SCHEDULE

August 19	Introduction
August 21	Medieval Background I
August 26	Medieval Background II
August 28	Secondary Sources of British History (class will meet in CITI, Jackson Library; Ms. Kathy Crowe)
September 2	LABOR DAY: NO CLASS MEETING
September 4	Tudor and Stuart Royal Genealogy
September 9	Individual conferences: 2:00 Buckner 2:15 McKeown 2:30 Merritt 2:45 Parrish 3:00 Stewart

	3:15 Bagnell
	3:30 Bladell
	3:45 Bonner
	4:00 Cates
September 11	Individual conferences:
	2:00 Caviness
	2:15 Colgate
	2:30 Deaville
	2:45 Devine
	3:00 Gonzales
	3:15 Horne
	3:30 Hudson
	3:45 Moore
September 16	Individual conferences:
	2:00 Richardson
	2:15 Sanchez
	2:30 Stewart
	2:45 Bladel
	3:00 Bowman
	3:15 Ferry
	3:30 Lysse
	3:45 Weisthal
	4:00 Williams
	4:15 Meacham
September 18	Primary Sources of British History (class will meet in CITI, Jackson Library; Ms. Kathy Crowe)
September 23	Treason Laws (Discussion)
September 25	Tudor Revolution in Government
September 30	BIBLIOGRAPHIES & OUTLINES DUE**
October 2	NO CLASS MEETING
October 7	Appointments:
	2:00 Buckner
	2:15 McKeown
	2:30 Merritt
	2:45 Parrish
	3:00 Stewart
	3:15 Bagnell
	3:30 Bladell
	3:45 Bonner
	4:00 Cates
October 9	Appointments:
	2:00 Caviness
	2:15 Colgate
	2:30 Deaville
	2:45 Devine
	3:00 Gonzales
	3:15 Horne
	3:30 Hudson
	3:45 Moore

October 16	Appointments: 2:00 Richardson 2:15 Sanchez 2:30 Stewart 2:45 Bladel 3:00 Bowman 3:15 Ferry 3:30 Lysse 3:45 Weisthal 4:00 Williams 4:15 Meacham
October 21	The Early Stuart Constitution
October 23	The Puritan Revolution
October 28	Restoration and Revolution, 1660-88
October 30	Revolutionary Settlement
November 4	FIRST DRAFTS OF PAPERS DUE
November 6	NO CLASS MEETING
November 11	Appointments: 2:00 Buckner 2:15 McKeown 2:30 Merritt 2:45 Parrish 3:00 Stewart 3:15 Bagnell 3:30 Bladell 3:45 Bonner 4:00 Cates
November 13	Appointments: 2:00 Caviness 2:15 Colgate 2:30 Deaville 2:45 Devine 3:00 Gonzales 3:15 Horne 3:30 Hudson 3:45 Moore
November 18	Appointments: 2:00 Richardson 2:15 Sanchez 2:30 Stewart 2:45 Bladel 3:00 Bowman 3:15 Ferry 3:30 Lysse 3:45 Weisthal 4:00 Williams 4:15 Meacham
November 20	NO CLASS MEETING
November 25	NO CLASS MEETING

December 2 NO CLASS MEETING
December 4 NO CLASS MEETING
December 9 FINAL DRAFTS OF PAPERS DUE

**Sources should be divided into two parts, Primary Sources and Secondary Sources and should conform to a standard bibliographic entry form, such as the models presented in Kate L. Turabian or any other term paper guide.

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