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Revelle College

Humanities 3: Renaissance, Reformation and  
Early Modern Europe

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Solis 107

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**Required Texts** (available at UCSD Bookstore):

Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*, ed. Grafton  
Bartolomeo De Las Casas, *Short Account Of The Destruction Of The Indies*, tr. Griffin  
Michel de Montaigne, *The Essays: A Selection*, tr. Screech  
William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*  
Francis Bacon, *The New Organon*, ed. Anderson  
Galileo Galilei, *The Essential Galileo*, ed. Finocchiaro  
Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ed. Curley  
John Milton, *Paradise Lost*  
Dornan & Dawe, *The Brief English Handbook*, 7th Edition

A required Course Reader is available from University Readers. This can be purchased on-line from their website ([www.universityreaders.com/students](http://www.universityreaders.com/students)) or by calling them at 800-200-3908.

**Schedule of Topics and Reading Assignments:**

Fri., Sept. 24	Lecture 1: Introduction	No reading
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## I. The Italian Renaissance

Mon., Sept. 27	Lecture 2: Florence and the Renaissance	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> , Introduction, chs. 1-11
Wed., Sept. 29	Lecture 3: Religion and Politics	<i>The Prince</i> , chs. 12-19
Fri., Oct. 1	Lecture 4: Machiavelli's <i>Prince</i>	<i>The Prince</i> , chs. 20-26

## II. Spain and the New World

Mon., Oct. 4	Lecture 5: Birth of a Nation	Reader ##1-3: Edict of Expulsion, Columbus, Vespucci
Wed., Oct. 6	Lecture 6: A New World Order	Las Casas, <i>Short Account</i> , pp. 1-64
Fri., Oct. 8	Lecture 7: Fishing for Souls, Punishing Bodies,	<i>Short Account</i> , pp. 65-130

## III. The Reformation

Mon., Oct. 11 PAPER 1 PROMPTS	Lecture 8: Humanism and the Northern Renaissance	Reader #4: Erasmus, "A Complaint of Peace"
Wed., Oct. 13	Lecture 9: "Here I Stand"	Reader ##5-6: Luther, "95 Theses"; "Appeal"
Fri., Oct. 15	Lecture 10: Freedom and Bondage	Reader ##7-8: Erasmus and Luther on Free Will

## IV. Skepticism and Self-Knowledge

Mon., Oct. 18	Lecture 11: Wars of Religion	Montaigne, <i>Essays</i> , "To the Reader," I:8, I:39
Wed., Oct. 20	Lecture 12: Who Am I?	<i>Essays</i> , II:37, III:2, III.3
Fri., Oct. 22	Lecture 13: What Do I Know?	<i>Essays</i> , I:27, I:31, II:11, III:11

## V. Shakespeare's England

Mon., Oct. 25 PAPER 1 DUE	Lecture 14: God, Kings and Tyrants	Reader #9: James I, <i>Speech to Parliament</i> , 1609
Wed., Oct. 27	Lecture 15: The Price of Liberty	<i>Julius Caesar</i> , Acts I-III
Fri., Oct. 29	Lecture 16: "The Noblest Roman"	<i>Julius Caesar</i> , Acts IV-V

## VI. The Scientific Revolution

Mon., Nov. 1	Lecture 17: The Great Renewal	Bacon, <i>New Organon</i> , Preface, Bk. I, secs. 1-77
Wed., Nov. 3	Lecture 18: Banishing Idols	<i>New Organon</i> , Bk. I, secs. 78-130
Fri., Nov. 5	Lecture 19: Reading the Book of Nature	Galileo, <i>Dialogue on the Two Chief World Systems</i>

		(pp. 190-250)
Mon., Nov. 8 PAPER 2 PROMPTS	Lecture 20: The Trial of Galileo	Galileo, <i>Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina</i> (pp. 109-145)
Wed., Nov. 10	Lecture 21: <i>Cogito ergo Sum</i>	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , I-II (web handout)
Fri., Nov. 12	Lecture 22: A Mechanical World	Galileo, <i>Assayer</i> (pp. 179-89); Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> , Introduction, chs. 1-5
Mon., Nov. 15	Lecture 23: The State of Nature	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> , chs. 6, 10-13
Wed., Nov. 17	Lecture 24: Forming a Commonwealth	<i>Leviathan</i> , chs. 14-17
Fri., Nov. 19	Lecture 25: The Limits of Liberty	<i>Leviathan</i> , chs. 18-21

## VI. The Last Epic

Mon., Nov. 22 PAPER 2 DUE	Lecture 26: Milton: Poetry and Politics	Milton, <i>Paradise Lost</i> , bks. I-II
Wed., Nov. 24	Lecture 27: Justifying the Ways of God to Man	<i>Paradise Lost</i> , bks. III-V
Fri., Nov. 26	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY	
Mon., Nov. 29	Lecture 28: Obedience and Sin	<i>Paradise Lost</i> , bks. VI-IX
Wed., Dec. 1	Lecture 29: Repentance and Humility	<i>Paradise Lost</i> , bk. X
Fri., Dec. 3	Lecture 30: Where Have We Come From? Where Are We Going?	
Tuesday, Dec. 7	FINAL EXAM 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	

**Course requirements:** (1) regular attendance at lecture and section; (2) preparation for, and participation in, weekly discussion section; (3) completion of two 5-7 page papers; (4) a final exam. Final grades will be assessed as follows: first paper: 20%; second paper: 30%; final exam: 35%; section: 15%

### Other crucial information:

1. In order to pass the course, both papers and the final exam must be completed.
2. All papers must be submitted in advance to turnitin.com, in accordance with your TA's instructions.
3. Students should familiarize themselves with the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship: <http://www.senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm#AP14>. There is a zero-tolerance policy on plagiarism in this class. Anyone who is found to plagiarize work will receive an automatic F for the course. Additional disciplinary penalties may be assigned by the UCSD administration.

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