

**History 3430G, Winter 2024**  
**Christians, Muslims and Jews in Early Modern Europe, 1400-1700**

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This is a **draft** syllabus. Please see the course site on OWL for a final version.

**Course Description**

This course explores the relationships of Muslims, Christians and Jews between the era prior to the fall of Constantinople (1453) and the end of the Great Turkish War (1699). Islam, Judaism and Christianity all trace their origins to a common ancient ancestor, Abraham. After the mid-fifteenth century, societies rooted in these traditions argued, fought and collaborated in a remarkable era of cultural achievement, economic dynamism and military conflict.

**Course Syllabus**

In this class students will build the following competencies and skills:

1. Identify and describe key events and concepts in early modern history
2. Evaluate diverse forms of historical evidence and cultivate interpretive skills
3. Strengthen writing skills in history and related disciplines
4. Engage with faculty and peers in a collaborative, respectful atmosphere

**Methods of Evaluation**

***Students must submit all written assignments and complete the final exam to pass the course. Students are expected to attend weekly classes throughout the term and to prepare for discussions and other activities. Late papers may be submitted for up to one week past the deadline and will receive a 10% deduction. For other approved extensions, students may apply to Academic Counselling. Without an approved extension, no written work will be accepted after one week past the deadline.***

<b>Attendance and Participation:</b>	<b>20%</b>
(includes marks for leadership in one class (5%) and general participation (15%))	
<b>~1200-word assignment</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>~3000-word essay</b>	<b>35%</b>
(includes a prospectus worth 10% and a final essay worth 25%)	
<b>Final Exam</b> (April exam period)	<b>30%</b>

Make-up tests, midterms, and exams can only be approved by Academic Counselling. Please see

[https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program\\_module\\_information/policies.html](https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_module_information/policies.html) for department procedures and requirements involving make-up tests and exams.

## Course Materials

Reading and advance preparation are essential for a successful class. Assignments will be based on class readings or materials that students find in their own research.

Readings for the class will be drawn from:

- Carlos Eire, *Reformations: The Early Modern World, 1450-1650* (Yale UP, 2016)
- Suraiya Faroqhi, ed. *The Ottoman Empire as a World Power, 1453-1603* (Cambridge UP, 2013)
- Suraiya Faroqhi, *The Ottoman Empire and the World Around It* (I.B. Tauris, 2004).
- Yosef Kaplan and Dan Michman, *The Religious Cultures of Dutch Jewry* (Brill, 2017)

Other readings will be made available in OWL or through Weldon Library.

## Additional Statements

Because this class explores topics related to faith and spirituality, courteous behavior and commitment to respectful inquiry are essential for every participant.

All work submitted in this course must be your own. You may not use any generative AI tools such as ChatGPT for assignments in this course.

During class, please limit your use of electronic devices to note-taking and other course-related activities.

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