TUDOR ENGLAND, 1485-1603

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This lecture course explores the most significant political, religious, social, economic and cultural developments in sixteenth-century England. The main themes of the course are the development of the modern state, the Protestant Reformation, the emergence of a capitalist society, and the growth of political and religious divisions during the reigns of Queen Mary I (1553-1558) and Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603). The lectures are topical and therefore do not follow a strict chronological order.

REQUIRED READING:

Christopher Haigh, *English Reformations* (Oxford)

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES:

THE EARLY TUDORS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN STATE

1. The Battle of Bosworth Field (Aug. 30)
2. Henry VII and the Nobility (September 4)
3. Law and Order (Sept. 6)
4. The Monarchy, Parliament and the Constitution (Sept. 11)

THE REFORMATION

5. The English Church Before the Reformation (Sept. 13)
6. The Divorce (Sept. 18)
7. The Break from Rome (Sept. 20)
8. The Dissolution of the Monasteries (Sept. 25)

A CHANGING SOCIETY

9. Social Structure and Social Mobility (Oct. 2)
10. Marriage, Sexuality and the Family (Oct. 9)
11. Agrarian Society and Enclosures (Oct. 11)
12. The Peerage (Oct. 16)
13. Humanism (Oct. 18)
14. More’s *Utopia* (Oct. 23)
15. Witchcraft (Oct. 25)
16. Architecture (Oct. 30)

**THE REIGNS OF EDWARD VI, MARY I AND ELIZABETH I**

17. The Mid-Tudor Crisis (Nov. 6)
18. Religion and Politics in the Reign of Mary (Nov. 8)
19. Queen Elizabeth I: A Portrait (Nov. 13)
20. Mary Queen of Scots (Nov. 15)
21. Elizabethan Puritanism (Nov. 20)
22. The Catholic Problem (Nov. 27)
23. The War with Spain (Nov. 29)
24. Elizabeth and Parliament (Dec. 4)
25. The Legacy of the Tudors (Dec. 6)

**EXAMINATIONS**
There will be two 75-minute exams and a take-home final. The first 75-minute exam will be held on Thursday, September 27, and will cover the following material:
- Lectures 1-8
- Lockyer, *Tudor and Stuart Britain*, chapters 1-4

The second 75-minute exam will be held on Thursday, November 1, and will cover the following material:
- Lectures 9-16
- Lockyer, *Tudor and Stuart Britain*, Chapter 6
- More, *Utopia*, and essays by Seebohm, Kautsky, Chambers, Hexter, Fox, and Lewis

Each of the first exams will consist of six or seven short essay questions, of which you must answer five (10 points each), and one longer essay question (50 points). The essay question will be selected from a set of three or four questions that will be distributed in advance. The grade for each of the mid-semester exams will count for roughly 25% of the course grade.

The take-home final, which will be due at noon on Wednesday, December 12 (the day for which a final is scheduled for this course), will be divided into two parts. The first part will cover the following material:
- Lectures 17-25
  - Lockyer, *Tudor and Stuart Britain*, chapters 5, 7-10.
  - Martin and Parker, *The Spanish Armada*

The first part will consist of four essay questions of which you must answer two. Each essay will be worth 50 points. The questions will be distributed on Tuesday, November 29. This portion of the final will count for roughly 25% of your course grade.
The second part of the final will be a final essay. The essay will consist of an answer to one of two or three questions that will be distributed on November 29. These essays will be comprehensive, in that they will cover the entire Tudor period. The purpose of the essay will be to develop your thoughts on one of the main developments with which the course is concerned. In preparing your essay you will be expected to draw selectively on the lectures and required readings. You may also consult additional material, such as the recommended reading, but you will not be required to do so. The grade you receive for the essay or the paper will count for roughly 25% of the course grade.

Make-up exams. Regularly scheduled make-up exams are not given in this course. Students who miss an examination and do not have a legitimate excuse (e.g., a note from a doctor) will receive a failing grade for that examination. Students who have legitimate excuses must notify the instructor by e-mail before the exam will be given and should see the instructor the following class day to present written evidence to support their absence and make arrangements for a make-up. All make-ups will be given on Fridays in the room set aside for make-ups in all History courses.

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Recommended Reading:
______, The Tudor Monarchy (1997)
C. Ross, Richard III (1981)
P. Williams, The Tudor Regime (1989)
S.B. Chrimes, Henry VII (1972)
M. Bennett, The Battle of Bosworth (1985)
________, Lambert Simnel and the Battle of Stoke (1987)
G.R. Elton (ed.), The Tudor Constitution (1968)
J.J. Scarisbrick, Henry VIII (1968)
G.R. Elton, The Tudor Revolution in Government (1953)
G.R. Elton, Policy and Police (1978)
C. Coleman and D. Starkey (eds.) Revolution Reassessed (1986)
G. Mattingly, *Catherine of Aragon* (1941)
A. Fletcher, *Tudor Rebellions* (1968)
J. Cornwall, *The Revolt of the Peasantry 1549*
S. Anglo, *Spectacle, Pageantry and Early Tudor Policy*
J. Barry (ed.). *The Tudor and Stuart Town, 1530-1688* (1990)
A. Erickson, Women and Property in Early Modern England (1993)
A. Fletcher, Gender, Sex and Subordination in England, 1550-1800 (1995)
J. Bennett, Ale, Beer and Brewsters in England (1999)
B. J. Harris, English Aristocratic Women, 1450-1550 (2002)
K. Thomas, Religion and the Decline of Magic (1971)
D. Creasy, Agnes Bowker's Cat: Travesties and Transgressions in Tudor and Stuart England (2000)
K. Thomas, Man and the Natural World (1983)
W. K Jordan, Edward VI: The Young King (1968)
________ , Edward VI: The Threshold of Power (1970)
H. Hackett, Virgin Mother, Maiden Queen: Elizabeth I and the Cult of the Virgin Mary (1995)
L. Hopkins, Elizabeth I and her Court (1990)
M. Levine, The Early Elizabethan Succession Question, 1558-1568 (1966)
____________. The Shaping of the Elizabethan Regime (1968).
J. E. Neale, Elizabeth I (1934)
________. The Elizabethan House of Commons (1949)
________. Elizabeth I and her Parliaments. 2 vols. (1953, 1958)
F. Yates, Astrea: The Imperial Theme in the Sixteenth Century (1975).
M.M. Knappen, Tudor Puritanism (1939)
P. Collinson, The Elizabethan Puritan Movement (1967)
J. Bossy, The English Catholic Community (1975)
R. Strong, The Cult of Elizabeth (1977)


