

HIS/130: History of Europe (1453-1789)

1. **Brief Description:**

This course focuses on a very important period of European history in which Europe was gradually being transformed from medieval society to a modern society. The cultural and intellectual movements such as renaissance, reformation and enlightenment are the special features of this course.

2. **Aims and Objectives:**

After studying this course, the students will be able to:

- Know how Europe was transformed into a modern society
- Appreciate the philosophical and intellectual movements and trends of the period.
- Understand the political developments of the ruling class and socio-religious ideas of the people.

3. **Contents:**

1. Renaissance
2. Reformation and Counter-Reformation
3. Rise and Decline of Spain
4. Thirty Years War and Peace of Westphalia
5. Developments in France and England in the 17th Century
2. Rise of Sweden, Russia and Prussia
3. War of Spanish Succession 1701-1714
4. Seven Years War 1756-1763
5. Struggle for Wealth and Empire in the 18th Century
6. Enlightenment and Age of Reason

1. **Basic Readings:**

Hayes. A Political and Cultural History of Modern Europe.

Schevill, F. A History of Europe: From Reformation to the Present Day.

2. **Additional Readings:**

Clark, G. N. Early Modern Europe 1450-1720.

Durant, Will and Ariel Durant. Story of Civilization.

Elton, G. R. (ed.) New Cambridge Modern History.

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Fisher. A History of Europe.

Jensen, De Lamar. Renaissance Europe: Age of Recovery and Reconciliation.

Kennedy, Paul. The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000.

Knapton, Ernest John. Europe 1450-1851.

Pieter Geyl. The Revolt of the Netherlands.

Plumb, J.H. The Penguin Book of the Renaissance.

Sumner, B.H. Peter the Great and the Emergence of Russia.