COURSE DETAIL

EARLY MODERN HISTORY: 1450 -1850

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Utrecht University – University College Utrecht

Program(s)
University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
120

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
EARLY MODERN HISTORY: 1450 -1850

UCEAP Transcript Title
EARLY MODERN HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course gives a chronological overview of European history in the early modern period, while also covering the borderlines with medieval, modern, and world history. Developments during the early modern period, which spans from roughly the late fifteenth to late eighteenth century, laid the foundations for present-day Europe. States took on recognizable forms, merchants discovered new markets within and outside of Europe, and the Reformation, the scientific revolution and the Enlightenment yielded new insights and worldviews. The perspective of this course includes economic, political, social, and cultural aspects of different periods in the early modern age. The course develops a critical perspective towards widely disseminated notions about modernization, that described medieval and early modern society only as stages in the development to modernity. Therefore, the course focuses on periods of a shorter time span within the early modern period, uncovering their idiosyncrasies as well as the interaction between different spheres: economy, political structures, mentality, etc. Generally speaking, specific themes are selected to enable the students to develop insight into the characteristics of these periods. From this starting point, finally, the subject of long term developments and trends are addressed. The subtle balance between the need to see similarities, structures and developments, and the necessity to discover the past as another country forms the nexus of the course.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
UCHUMHIS13

Host Institution Course Title
EARLY MODERN HISTORY: 1450 - 1850

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History

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