

# 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**

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**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**

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## **Host Institution Campus**

Humanities

## **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

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