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**TITLE:** The Reformation Era

**TERM:** 20111 (January 2011)

**PROFESSOR:** Dr. Peter Meehan

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will include a comprehensive overview of the Reformation Era, including: the critical movements of Catholic Reform during the late Middle Ages; the central Reform movements encouraged by figures such as Erasmus, Luther, Zwingli and Calvin; the special circumstances of the English Reformation and the spiritual renewal of the Counter-Reformation.

**COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:**

To synthesize an historical perspective on the primary themes, figures and events of the Early Modern Period – the focus of the Reformation Era; to teach an understanding of how to read, interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources relating to the Reformation Era; to learn to write a historical, analytical and argumentative paper relating to themes and topics relevant to the Reformation Era.

**PREREQUISITES:**

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Chadwick, Owen The Reformation. Penguin History of the Church, vol. 3.  
Students will be expected to purchase a course reader in order to supplement the core text.  
Handout excerpts – as proscribed

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Two Document Analyses (30%)  
Research Essay (35%)  
Final Examination (35%)

**SUGGESTED READING**

Bainton, Erasmus of Christendom. Scribner. 1969.  
Cameron, The European Reformation. Oxford. 1991.  
Daniel-Rops, The Catholic Reformation. Dutton. 1962.  
Duffy, Stripping the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, 1400-1580. Yale University Press. 1992.  
Huizinga, The Waning of the Middle Ages. Penguin Books. 1955.  
McSorely, Luther: Right or Wrong? Newman Press. 1969