A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

During this period in European history many commonly held ideas about humans, politics and religion were directly challenged. Students explore these new ideas, including the Renaissance, with its emphasis on humanism and secular politics; the challenges posed by the Protestant Reformation to established religious thought and practice; and the importance of the seventeenth century Scientific Revolution and eighteenth century Enlightenment. Included are conflicts between-and within-different European powers and Europe’s rapidly expanding contacts with the rest of the world.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Acquires and improves writing and communication skills by submitting essays that require the organization, analysis, synthesis, and explanation of historical facts and original argumentation, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
2. Acquires familiarity with the main themes and events of early modern European history, c. 1500 C.E. to 1789, as outlined in the course description, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
3. Can practice critical and analytical skills on historical theories, controversies, and debates as well as on primary sources, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
4. Understands and is able to explain the historical significance of both primary and secondary sources, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information