

**HIST-UA 161: Early Modern Britain**  
**Spring 2022: TR 9.30-10.45**  
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***Description***

This course introduces students from all majors, schools, and years to British history during the Tudor (1485-1603) and Stuart dynasties (1603-1714). Across these two pivotal centuries, an initially Catholic, monarchical, and provincial polity emerged as Protestant, parliamentary, and imperial. In exploring these developments, we will learn about such topics as include Henry VIII and the Protestant Reformation; the age of Queen Elizabeth and William Shakespeare; English imperialism within and beyond the British Isles; and the contest between crown and Parliament.

***Evaluation***

20% Quiz  
 20% Journal  
 20% Exam 1  
 20% Exam 2  
 20% Exam 3

Students who complete all five course components will have their lowest grade dropped.

***Academic integrity***

- Plagiarism of any kind will be penalized without warning or exception:  
<https://cas.nyu.edu/content/nyu-as/cas/academic-integrity.html>

***Devices***

- Students using laptops should sit in the front half of the class.
- Please disable wireless and ignore phones during class.

***Accessibility***

- Students seeking accommodations should work through the Moses Center:  
<https://www.nyu.edu/students/communities-and-groups/students-with-disabilities.html>

***Religious holidays***

- NYU accommodates all religious holidays: <https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/university-calendar-policy-on-religious-holidays.html>

***Books***

The following books are available at the NYU Bookstore on Broadway. Any edition of *The Tempest* will work, but **you must use these editions of the volumes by Bucholz & Key.**

- Bucholz and Key, *Early Modern England*, 3rd ed. (2019): ISBN 978-1-118-53222-5.
- Bucholz and Key, *Sources and Debates*, 2nd ed. (2009): ISBN 978-1-405-16276-0.
- Shakespeare, *The Tempest* (Folger Shakespeare Library): ISBN 978-0-743-48283-7.

### *Notes on the pandemic*

- This class meets in-person. There is not a hybrid option.
- During Weeks 1-2, however, classes will be livestreamed via Brightspace/Zoom.
- From Week 3, if you cannot be present, you may email me for a Zoom link.
- Or you can instead keep up via the readings, journals, and, if you like, office hours.
- If the course shifts online, we will meet synchronously at the usual time.

### *Assignments*

- **Journal:** At the beginning of each week, I will email several questions, to which you are asked to respond in your weekly journal before noon that Friday.
- **Primary sources (“S&D”):** Most lectures are paired with primary source texts, which you should read before class and arrive ready to discuss.
- **Textbook (“EME”):** The textbook elaborates upon each week’s material, and is included for your orientation and reference. We will generally not discuss these readings.
- **Quiz & exams:** You will receive a study guide one week before each exam. There will be nothing on an exam that you have not previously seen on these study guides.

## PART I: CATHOLICS & PROTESTANTS

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Introduction (EME 1-31)</b>
Jan 25	The World in 1485
Jan 27	England in 1485 (EME 11-31)
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>The Tudor State (EME 33-64)</b>
Feb 1	Establishing the Tudor State (S&D 37-39)
Feb 3	Quiz (map + reigns)
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>The Henrician Reformation (EME 67-104)</b>
Feb 8	The King’s Great Matter (S&D 55-57)
Feb 10	The King’s Reformation (S&D 57-60)
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>The Popular Reformation (EME 104-118)</b>
Feb 15	Enduring the Reformation (S&D 50-51)
Feb 17	Embracing the Reformation (S&D 63-65)
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Settling the Reformation (EME 121-128)</b>
Feb 22	The Elizabethan Settlement (S&D 74)
Feb 24	Exam 1

**PART II:  
NATION & EMPIRE**

- Week 6**      **Elizabethan Statecraft** (EME 128-162)  
 Mar 1        Mary Queen of Scots (S&D 83-85)  
 Mar 3        The Spanish Armada (S&D 89-90)
- Week 7**      **Merrie Olde England?** (EME 163-218)  
 Mar 8        Home and Family (S&D 119-122)  
 Mar 10       Order and Disorder (S&D 111-114, 131-133)

— *spring break* —

- Week 8**      **Race & Gender** (Begin *The Tempest*)  
 Mar 22       Witchcraft  
 Mar 24       Black Tudors
- Week 9**      **Imperial Encounters** (Finish *The Tempest*)  
 Mar 29       Francis Drake and the Elizabethan Empire  
 Mar 31       Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

- Week 10a**  
 Apr 5        Exam 2

**PART III:  
CROWN & PARLIAMENT**

- Week 10b**    **Four Nations** (EME 221-258)  
 Apr 7        One Crown (S&D 42-46)
- Week 11**     **Civil War** (EME 261-274)  
 Apr 12       Origins (S&D 163-167)  
 Apr 14       Regicide (S&D 192-193)
- Week 12**     **Commonwealth** (EME 274-287)  
 Apr 19       The World Turned Upside Down (S&D 186-188, 196-198)  
 Apr 21       Oliver Cromwell (S&D 182 [incl. top of page]-184)
- Week 13**     **Restoration** (EME 291-315)  
 Apr 26       The Great Plague (Defoe, *A Journal of the Plague Year*, via Brightspace)  
 Apr 28       The Atlantic Slave Trade (Atlas 30-33, via Brightspace)
- Week 14**     **Revolution** (EME 315-338)  
 May 3        1688 (S&D 232-233, 245-248)  
 May 5        Exam 3