

HIST 104: Introduction to the Modern World

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This course introduces major events, themes, and developments in early modern and modern European history: we begin in the 16th century, with the Reformation and overseas exploration, and we will conclude with the end of the Cold War in the late 20th century. Together, we'll examine the political and military clashes that shaped the modern world, but we will devote particular attention to the religious, economic, cultural, and psychological changes that accompanied these conflicts. We'll explore the most influential events and developments seen during this time period as well as the everyday experiences and responses of ordinary Europeans, focusing on the worldviews, political ideologies, and the relationships between ruler and ruled: as seen over time, how have Europeans understood their communities, the world beyond their communities, and their relationships between one another?