

HIS 206  
**Europe in the Age of Discovery, 1348-1789**

M/W 3:30pm-4:50pm

Satisfies: GLO, SBS [DEC: I]

Thematic Categories: "Arts, Ideas & Culture", "Empires,  
Violence & Global Connections", "Health, Science & Environmental Change"

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This course examines the period in European history from the Black Death until the French Revolution (roughly 1348 to 1789). During this period of Renaissance, Reformation, and Enlightenment, early modern Europe experienced a series of crises in authority that ushered in the modern world. The course will explore how new discoveries (both geographical and intellectual) challenged existing worldviews; movements of religious reform challenged the authority of the Church and the unity of Europe; and new political doctrines, accompanied by a series of striking rebellions, challenged the foundations of traditional rule. Written work will include several quizzes and essays written in class, a midterm, and a final exam.