A Course on Renaissance

1st Session Introduction

From Middle Ages to Renaissance

Humanism (Nicolaus Copernicus and Galileo Galilei)

Reformation

A shift from old historicism to new historicism

2nd Session Backgrounds

Desiderius Erasmus, The Praise of Folly

Niccolo Machiavelli, The Prince

3rd Session Manners and Mores

Baldassare Castiglione, The Book of the Courtier

Christopher Columbus, "Letter Concerning the First Voyage"

4th Session Elizabethan World

E.M.W. Tillyard, The Elizabethan World Picture

5th Session Christopher Marlowe

Dr. Faustus

Jonathan Dollimore, Radical Tragedy

6th Session Edmund Spenser

Faerie Queen

7th and 8th Sessions Shakespearean Sonnets

Margreta de Grazia, "The Scandal of Shakespeare's Sonnets"

9th Session Shakespeare's Comedies

 $Merchant\ of\ Venice$

Malcolm Evans, "Deconstructing Shakespeare's Comedies"

10th Session Shakespeare's Tragedies

Othello

Stephen Greenblatt, "The Improvisation of Power"

11th Session Shakespeare's Historical Plays

King Henry V

Stephen Greenblatt, "Invisible Bullets"

12th and 13th Sessions Jacobean Playwrights

John Webster

Jonathan Dollimore, Radical Tragedy

14th and 15th Sessions Farewell to Epics

John Milton, Paradise Lost