This graduate seminar will examine key themes in the history of medieval and early modern Europe (roughly 400-1800). It will consider commonalities across the continent alongside regional diversity, as well as think about European exchanges with other peoples. The course will move chronologically as well as thematically to cover the legacy of Rome; medieval developments in “feudalism,” urbanism, religious consolidation, and the Crusades; the Renaissance; the religious reformations of the sixteenth century; European’s overseas encounters in both west and east; changes in knowledge-making (with the invention of print and the Scientific Revolution); Enlightenment; and the Atlantic Revolutions of the late eighteenth century. We will read select primary sources as well as traditional and revisionist works of cultural, intellectual, political, and religious historiography. Student performance will be evaluated on the basis of participation and writing assignments. MA/PhD students register for HIS 501; MAT Social Studies students register for CEG 516.