

WOMEN, SEX, AND GENDER IN PRE-MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY
HIS 334

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The field of women's history was originally developed to rectify absences in existing historical narratives; that is, to talk about previously neglected people. Historians have since become aware that the study of women, of sexual identity and assumptions, and of gender norms and practices has enriched our understanding of "mainstream" political, economic, social, and military conditions. It has also introduced important new perspectives into the discipline of history itself (family history, gender studies, queer studies, new labor history, medical history). In this course we examine the role of and attitudes toward women, sex, and gender in Europe and the Mediterranean region from the fifth century BCE through the sixteenth century CE in order to learn about often-overlooked segments of European society, and to better understand European society as a whole. Requirements include class attendance and participation, completing the assigned readings in advance of every class, and writing three (3) unit essay exams.