This course investigates violent and unusual crimes of early modern Britain. We will enter the dungeons and stand on the gallows of London and Edinburgh through historical records to explore how society was changing in the wake of the Protestant Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, and the Union of 1707. The course covers topics like body snatching which became common to keep up with the demand for medical cadavers as developments in the medical field exploded. It discusses the rise in infanticide as the social norms for women changed in response to the reformation and political reforms. Finally, the course includes other crimes such as murder, cannibalism, and witchcraft. The rapid social and political changes of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries transformed the public and crown responses to crime, this course attempts to contextualize those within the age of scientific discovery, the Reformation, and the Enlightenment. The course is split into three sections (one for each week) each section having a total of three assignments made up of a short quiz, a document review, and a writing assignment. Students will have a variety of primary and secondary source readings provided on Blackboard. The final exam is an open book/note take home written exam which students have 72 hours to complete.