

The Digital Past: Tech & the Tudors

HIST 390 DL3 Fall 2023

Link to Syllabus: <https://2023hist390.jessicaotis.com/>

If you only know one thing about Tudor England's [King Henry VIII](#), it's probably that he went through six wives (and made England Protestant) in his quest for a son. Or, as the rhyme goes, "Divorced. Beheaded. Died. Divorced. Beheaded. Survived."

But there's a lot more to the story of England's most-wedded monarch and the century that he and his children reigned. This course will use digital methods to explore the history of the Tudor dynasty, with particular attention paid to how technology can help us better understand the "5 C's" of thinking historically: change over time, context, causality, contingency, and complexity. Along the way, you'll satisfy the Mason Core IT requirement. In other words, by the end of this course, you will be able to

1. understand the principles of information storage, exchange, security, and privacy and be aware of related ethical issues.
2. select and evaluate appropriate, relevant, and trustworthy sources of information.
3. organize and analyze information and use it to guide decision-making.
4. choose and apply appropriate algorithmic methods to solve a problem.

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The course Zoom link will be available via the course Slack instance, which you will receive an invitation to join at your GMU email address near the beginning of the semester (depending on when you enroll in this class).