Spring 2020 Course Description

**Instructor:** Andrew Pilsch  
**Course:** ENGL 353  
**Title:** History of Rhetoric

**Description:** Rhetoric is the study of persuasion: how we convince people to agree with our ideas and how we are ourselves convinced. This course explores the history of argument: strategies people have historically used to debate important (and not so important) ideas and the motivations behind their desire to debate. The course will explore speaking, writing, and thinking persuasively from ancient Greece to the dawn of the Enlightenment.

**Proposed Readings:**