

The University of Texas at Tyler
Spring Semester 2021
HIST 3354 – Medieval Europe
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Course Overview and Objectives:

This course is an upper-level survey of Europe in the Middle Ages. We will examine the period from ca. 500 to 1300, focusing on political, economic and social considerations along with a study of the most significant institution of the period, the Roman Catholic Church.

Course Requirements:

The course will consist of lectures and discussions; regular attendance is essential. There will be a midterm exam, a final exam and a term paper (approx. 6-8 pages). Each of these will be worth 1/3 of your course grade. The exams will consist of choices of terms from our lecture outlines (5 out of 10 for a total of 25% of the exam grade) and an essay (choice of 1 out of 2 for a total of 75% of the exam grade). The term paper will be based on your analysis of the books by Einhard, Notker and Riche. Further instructions for the paper will be given separately.

Grading Policy:

Each assignment is worth 100 points for a course total of 300 points. The grading scale is
A=270-300
B=240-269
C=210-239
D=180-209
F=0-180

Make up exams will not be given nor will late papers be accepted, the only exception being officially documented family or medical emergencies. Plagiarism of any sort will result in an F for the assignment. Final Withdrawal Date for the course is Monday, April 1.

Required Books:

Backman, *The Worlds of Medieval Europe* (3d. ed.)

Einhard & Notker, *Two Lives of Charlemagne*

Pierre Riche, *Daily Life in the World of Charlemagne*

Calendar of Topics and Assignments:

Week 1 (Jan. 12 and 14)

No Meetings

Reading: Backman, Introduction

Week 2 (Jan. 19 and 21)

No Meetings

The Roman Empire

Reading: Backman, chapter 1

Week 3 (Jan. 26 and 28)

The Decline of the Roman Empire

Reading: Backman, chapter 2

Week 4 (Feb. 2 and 4)

Post-Roman Europe, part 1

Reading: Backman, chapter 3

Week 5 (Feb. 9 and 11)

Post-Roman Europe, part 2

Readings: Backman, chapter 4

Week 6 (Feb. 16 and 18)

The Germanic Successor-States

Readings: Backman, chapter 6

Week 7 (Feb. 23 and 25)

Charlemagne

Readings: Einhard and Notker

Week 8 (Mar. 2 and 4)

Midterm Exam due Thursday, March 4

Week 9 (Mar. 9 and 11)

No Meetings: Spring Break

Readings: Riche, Daily Life

Week 10 (Mar. 16 and 18)

The Normans and Europe

Readings: Backman, chapters 7 and 8

Week 11 (Mar. 23 and 25)
The Medieval Church, part 1
Readings: Backman, chapter 9 and 10

Week 12 (March 30 and April 1)
The Medieval Church, part 2
Readings: Backman, chapter 11

Week 13 (April 6 and 8)
Knights, Crusades and Chivalry
Readings: Backman, chapter 12

Week 14 (April 13 and 15)
Kings and Kingdoms
Readings: Backman, chapter 13 and 14

Week 15 (April 20 and 22)
The Church and the People; Dante's World
Readings: Backman, chapter 15
Term Paper Due: Thursday, April 22

Week 16 (April 27 and 29)
No Meeting on Tuesday, April 27
Final Exam Due on Thursday, April 29

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<https://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>

Additional Syllabus Information

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

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