

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Spring Semester 2023  
HIST 5354 – Medieval Europe  
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### **Course Overview and Objectives:**

In our readings and discussions, we will be examining the impact of the Normans on European civilization from the ninth to the thirteenth century. We will begin with the origins of the Normans in Scandinavia and the foundation of the French duchy which still bears their name. We will then analyze the Norman principalities established in England, Italy and the Middle East, examining their internal development and foreign relations.

### **Course Requirements and Grading Policy:**

Your grade will be based mainly on written reviews of the books we are reading. Each paper is worth 10% of your total grade (six reviews totaling 60%), a comprehensive essay will be worth 30% and finally 10% for attendance and participation. Papers should be roughly 4-6 pages in length and should address the book's thesis and how well it proves its case. The comprehensive essay will be a retrospective comparison of all seven books. Late papers will not be accepted unless there is official documentation of a family or medical emergency.

**Final Withdrawal Date:** Monday, March 23

### **Required Books:**

Trevor Rowley, *The Normans*

David Douglas, *William the Conqueror*

Judith Green, *The Aristocracy of Norman England*

Eljas Oksanen, *Flanders and the Anglo-Norman World*

Donald Matthew, *The Norman Kingdom of Sicily*

Warren Hollister, *Henry I*

Catherine Hanley, *Matilda: Empress, Queen, Warrior*

### Calendar of Meetings and Assignments:

- Jan. 10 Introduction
- Jan. 17 Discussion of Rowley, *The Normans*
- Jan. 24 Discussion of Mark Hagger, *Norman Rule in Normandy*, Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 (p. 1-139). Available on JSTOR.
- Jan. 31 Discussion of Douglas, *William the Conqueror*. Book review due.
- Feb. 7 Discussion of Green, *Aristocracy of Norman England*, p. 1-218.
- Feb. 14 Discussion of Green, p. 219-441. Book review due.
- Feb. 21 No Meeting.
- Feb. 28 Discussion of Warren Hollister, "Normandy, France and the Anglo-Norman Regnum." *Speculum* 51 (1976) 202-242. Available on JSTOR.
- Mar. 7 Discussion of Oksanen, *Flanders and the Anglo-Norman World*. Review due.
- Mar. 14 No Meeting – Spring Break.
- Mar. 21 Discussion of Matthew, *Norman Kingdom of Sicily*, p. 1-161 and JSTOR articles on the Norman Principality of Antioch.
- Mar. 28 Discussion of Matthew, p. 165-380. Book review due.
- April 4 Discussion of Hollister, *Henry I*, p. 1-279
- April 11 Discussion of *Henry I*, p. 280-498. Book review due.
- April 18 Discussion of Hanley, *Matilda*. Book review due.
- April 25 Comprehensive Essay Due; No meeting, email as pdf.

### Additional University Policies

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