

Fall Semester 2025
HIST 5354 – Medieval Europe
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Course Overview and Objectives:

This course will explore some of the recent and classic academic historical writing in English regarding the history of Europe in the Middle Ages, ca. 300-1350. In this course we will explore the later Roman Empire and post-Roman Europe, the Frankish (Carolingian) Empire, and the Normans and their impact on Medieval Europe. We will then explore some of the varieties of medieval religious expression, ranging from the Crusades to the relationship between Christianity and food in the lives of medieval European women.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

The course will consist of readings and discussions along with six book reviews, each worth 10% of your grade (for a total of 60%), a retrospective comprehensive essay (30%) and attendance and participation (10%). Late papers will not be accepted, the only exceptions being officially documented medical or family emergencies.

Makeup exams will not be given, nor will late papers be accepted; the only exceptions being officially documented medical or family emergencies. Plagiarism of any sort will not be tolerated and will result in an F for the course.

AI Statement: Use of AI Statement: Use of AI for written work is not permitted in this class.

Final Withdrawal Date: Nov. 3.

Required Books to purchase:

Peter Brown, *The World of Late Antiquity* (Norton, 1989)
Bryan Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (Oxford, 2005)
Pierre Riche, *The Carolingians: a Family Who Forged Europe* (UPenn, 1993)
Henri Pirenne (Intro. By M. McCormick), *Medieval Cities* (Princeton, 2014)
Judith Green, *The Normans* (Yale, 2022)
Thomas Asbridge, *The Crusades* (Harper Collins, 2010)
Caroline Walker Bynum, *Holy Feast and Holy Fast* (California, 1987)

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments (dates subject to change with advance notice):

Week 1 (Aug 27)

Course Introduction

Week 2 (Sept. 3)

Discussion of Brown

Week 3 (Sept. 10)

No meeting

Week 4 (Sept. 17)

Discussion of Ward-Perkins. Combined book review of Brown and Ward-Perkins due.

Week 5 (Sept. 24)

Discussion of Riche, pages xvii-205

Week 6 (Oct. 1)

Discussion of Riche, pages 210-363. Book review of Riche due.

Week 7 (Oct. 8)

Discussion of Pirenne. Book review of Pirenne due.

Week 8 (Oct. 15)

Discussion of Green.

Week 9 (Oct. 22)

Discussion of JSTOR articles on the Normans. Book review of Green due.

Week 10 (Oct. 29)

No meeting

Week 11 (Nov. 5)

Discussion of Asbridge, pages 1-364

Week 12 (Nov. 12)

Discussion of Asbridge, pages 365-684. Book review of Asbridge due.

Week 13 (Nov. 19)

Discussion of JSTOR articles on Medieval Christianity

Week 14 (Nov. 26)

No meeting – Thanksgiving Break

Week 15 (Dec. 3)

Discussion of Bynum. Book review of Bynum due.

Week 16 (Dec.10)

Comprehensive essays due.

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<https://www.uttyler.edu/offices/academic-affairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>