

The University of Texas at Tyler
Fall Semester 2016
HIST 5354 – Medieval Europe
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Office Hours: T, Th 2-4pm (BUS 205A)

Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:

This course is an examination of the contemporary secondary literature on Medieval European civilization. Our focus this semester will be the impact of war on society. Students should gain a refined understanding of this topic along with the historiography related to it. In addition to introducing some of the current scholarly work on this topic, the course is also intended to sharpen students' reading, writing and analytical skills.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based on written reviews of each of the books we are reading, along with attendance and participation. Papers should analyze the author's thesis, sources, methodology and perspective. They should be roughly 4-6 pages in length. Late papers will not be accepted.

Six written book reviews = 60% of course grade
Comprehensive essay = 30% of course grade
Attendance and participation = 10% of course grade

The comprehensive essay (10-15 pages) must include coverage of all six of our books and should highlight and assess what you see as the major themes of our reading.

Final Withdrawal Date: October 31

Required Books:

Halsall, *Warfare and Society in the Barbarian West, 450-900*

Bouchard, *Strong of Body, Brave and Noble*

Tyerman, *God's War: a New History of the Crusades*

Asbridge, *The Greatest Knight*

Caferro, *John Hawkood: an English Mercenary in Fourteenth-Century Italy*

Green, *The Hundred Years War: a People's History*

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments

Sept. 1 – Introduction

Sept. 8 – Historiography of Medieval Warfare and Rome’s Military Legacy:

John France, “Recent Writing on Medieval Warfare from the Fall of Rome to c. 1300.” *Journal of Military History*, 65 (2001) 441-473

I.A. Richmond, “Trajan’s Army on Trajan’s Column.” *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 13 (1935) 1-40.

G.A. Crump, “Ammianus and the Late Roman Army.” *Historia*, 22 (1973) 91-103.

Peter Heather, “The Huns and the Fall of the Roman Empire in Western Europe.” *English Historical Review*, 110 (1995) 4-41.

Sept. 15 – Warfare in Early Medieval Europe

Halsall, *Warfare and Society*, pages 1-133

Sept. 22 – First Book Review Due, Halsall, *Warfare and Society*)

Halsall, pages, 134-230

B. Bachrach, “Charlemagne and the Carolingian General Staff.” *Journal of Military History*, 66 (2002) 313-357.

Sept. 29 – Warfare in Feudal Europe

Elizabeth Brown, “The Tyranny of a Construct: Feudalism and Historians of Medieval Europe.” *American Historical Review*, 79 (1974) 1063-1088.

Oct. 6 – Second Book Review Due, Bouchard, *Strong of Body*

Oct. 13 – The Crusades

Discussion of Tyerman, pages 1-240

Oct. 20 – Discussion of Tyerman, pages 243-560

Oct. 27 – No Meeting, read Tyerman, pages 563-922

Nov. 3 – Third Review Due, Tyerman, *God’s War*

Nov. 10 – No Meeting

Nov. 17 – Fourth Review Due, Asbridge, *The Greatest Knight*

Nov. 24 – No meeting – Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 – Fifth Review Due, Caferro, *John Hawkwood*

Dec. 8 – Sixth Review Due, Green, *Hundred Years War*

Dec. 15 - Comprehensive Essays due via email (Please send as pdf).

All of the above dates are subject to change with the advance notification of the instructor.

No late papers will be accepted unless there is an officially documented family or medical emergency.