

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Spring Semester 2015  
HIST 3354 – Medieval Europe  
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**Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:** This course is an upper-level survey of Europe in the Middle Ages. We will examine the period from 500-1300, focusing on political, economic and social considerations along with the role of the Church. We will explore how Europe was affected by kingship, feudalism, and the Christian faith. We will also look at how the common folk lived.

**Course Requirements:** The course will consist of lectures and discussions; regular attendance and participation are 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 final grade. The exams will consist of choices of terms (5 out of 10 possible) and essays (1 of 2). The paper will be an analysis of the books by Einhard, Notker and Joinville. Further instructions for the paper will be given separately.

**Grading Policy:** Each assignment is worth 100 points for a course total of 300. The grading scale is A=270-300, B=240-269, C=210-239, D=180-209, F=180-0. Make-ups will not be given nor will late papers be accepted, *the only exception being officially documented family or medical emergencies.*

**Final Withdrawal Date: March 23**

**Required Books:**

W.C. Jordan, *Europe in the High Middle Ages*

Einhard and Notker, *Two Lives of Charlemagne*

Joinville and Villehardouin, *Chronicles of the Crusades*

Simon MacDowall, *Germanic Warrior*

## **Topics and Assignments:**

Week 1 (Jan. 12-16)

Introduction

Week 2 (Jan. 19-23)

Roman Greatness and Decline

Readings: MacDowall, pages 3-30

Week 3 (Jan. 26-30)

The Early Church

Readings: MacDowall, pages 30-60

Week 4 (Feb. 2-6)

Post-Roman Europe and the Germanic Kingdoms

Readings: Einhard, *The Life of Charlemagne*

Week 5 (Feb. 9-13)

Byzantium and Islam

Readings: none

Week 6 (Feb. 16-20)

Charlemagne

Readings: Notker, *The Deeds of Charlemagne*

Week 7 (Feb. 23-27)

The Viking Age

Readings: Jordan, pages 5-79

Week 8 (March 2-6)

**Midterm Exam in two parts, Mon. and Wed.**

Week 9 (Mar. 9-13)

**No Meetings – Spring Break**

Week 10 (Mar. 16-20)

The Normans and Europe

Readings: Jordan, pages 85-176

Week 11 (March 23-27)

Monks and Popes

Readings: Villehardouin, *The Conquest of Constantinople*

Week 12 (March 30-April 3)

Knights, Crusades and Chivalry

Readings: Joinville, *The Life of Saint Louis*

Week 13 (April 6-10)

Peasant Life

Readings: Jordan, pages 181-285

Week 14 (April 13-17)

The Medieval Monarchies

Readings: Jordan, pages 289-328

Week 15 (April 20-24)

The World of Dante

**Term Paper Due – Monday April 20**

Week 16 (April 27-May 1)

**Final Exam – TBA**