History 103

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

"Medieval history is always slowly turning into romance"

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This course is an overview of medieval history from the fall of the Roman Empire to the birth of Renaissance Europe. We explore political, religious, and social changes as well as economic, technological, and cultural developments. We seek to understand the complexity of the medieval past, including an awareness of the roles that men and women played, how they understood their world and how they interacted with it and each other.

Required Texts:
Judith Bennett, Medieval Europe: A Short History 11th edition (McGraw, 2011)
Einhard & Notker the Stammerer, Two Lives of Charlemagne (Penguin Classics, 1957)
Beroul, The Romance of Tristan (Penguin Classics, 1970)

Requirements:
Students will write two short analytical essays (3 to 4 pages) which will be based on the assigned readings. The essays will answer questions handed out in class and must be turned in on the day they are due in class. Late papers will be penalized. No papers will be accepted via email.

Students will also take three in-class essay exams which will be based on the lectures and the textbook.

In-class quizzes will be administered approximately every third or fourth lecture and will be based on the lectures and readings. Missed quizzes cannot be made up.
A variety of extra-credit assignments will be made available throughout the semester for those students who are eager to improve their grade.

Grading:

Final grades will be based on the papers, exams, quizzes, class attendance and participation. The grade will be calculated as follows:

- Quizzes & Participation 10%
- Essay 1 15%
- Essay 2 20%
- Midterm Exam 1 15%
- Midterm Exam 2 20%
- Final Exam 20%

Rules of the Game:

Attendance to all class meetings is mandatory. Be on time: walking in late is rude. If you are late, however, I would rather you came in than missed class. Simply do not make a habit of it. Turn off all phones, i-pods, watches, and pagers. Phones that ring during class will be confiscated. Anyone caught texting will be escorted out of the class. Laptops and i-pads are not allowed without my permission.

Understand that plagiarism or cheating of any kind will result in a failing grade for the entire course and that the Dean of Students Office will be informed. The penalty for plagiarism at Purdue University is suspension.

Students must use proper email etiquette when emailing myself or the TAs (an email should begin with a salutation such as “Dear Professor Zook” or “Dear Ms. Latteri;” and end with a proper closing, such as “Sincerely” or “Yours.”).

Schedule of Lectures and Discussions:

- January 9: Introduction to the Course

- January 11-13: The Birth & Spread of Christianity
  Read Chapter 1 in Medieval Europe, 4-19

- January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
  No Class
January 18-20   The Glory That Was Rome  
Read Chapter 1, 5-27

January 23-25   Sailing to Byzantium  
Read Chapter 3, 51-65

January 27-30   Monks & Missionaries  
Read Chapter 2

February 1-3    Barbarian Nations  
Read Chapter 1, 19-25; Chapter 4, 80-101; Chapter 5, 114-116

February 6      First Exam

February 8      The World of Charlemagne  
Discussion of Two Lives of Charlemagne

February 10-13  Islam & Islamic Civilization  
Read Chapter 3, 65-79  
First Paper Option due

February 15     The Feudal World  
Read Chapter 6, 162-66

February 17     Feudalism in Action  
Read Chapter 4, 115-116; Chapter 10, 248-252

February 20-22  The Crusades  
Read Chapter 9
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<td>Knighthood, Chivalry, and <em>The Song of Roland</em></td>
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<td>February 27</td>
<td>The Agrarian Revolution</td>
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<td>The Rise of the Universities</td>
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<td>World of the Peasantry</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>Conflict Between Church &amp; State: In 3 Dramatic Acts</td>
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<td>The Church at Its Height</td>
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March 28-30  Heresy, Witchcraft & Minority Groups  
Read Chapter 8, 197-99  
Read Chapter 12, 316-21  

April 2-4  Women in Medieval Europe: A Golden Age for Women?  
Read Chapter 6, 156-60  

April 6  The Troubadours and King Arthur’s Court  
Discussion of The Romance of Tristan  
Third Paper Option due  

April 9-11  Late Medieval Kingship in France & England  
Read Chapter 10  

April 13  Henry V & Agincourt  
Chapter 13, 322-32  

April 16  Gloom & Doom and the Late Medieval World  
Read Chapter 12  

April 18-20  Late Medieval Piety  
Read Chapter 12, 314-21  

April 23  The Black Death  

April 25  Rebirth: Renaissance in Europe  
Read Chapter 14  

April 27  Review