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Department of History
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History 115 - Medieval Europe 410-1500

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Required Texts

Brian Tierney and Sidney Painter, Western Europe in the Middle Ages (Knopf) --
Numbering in syllabus refers to sections not chapters.

The Portable Medieval Reader (Penguin)

Course Requirements:

Three examinations (six weeks, twelve weeks and final) required of all students.
Brief (5-6 pp.) paper required for fourth credit optino. Due March 31. Honors
credit to be determined individually.

Lecture Schedule

1/21	Introduction: Text 1-2
1/23	The Late Roman Empire: Text 3-5
1/28	Christianity and the Early Church: Text 6-9
1/30	Early Germanic Society: Text 10
2/4	The Barbarian Invasions: Text 11
2/6	The Germanic Successor States in the West: Text 12
2/11	The Rise of Byzantium: Text 13
2/13	The Kingdom of the West Franks: The Roman Church: Text 14-16
2/18	Islam and the West: Text 17
2/20	The Carolingian Empire: Text 18-20
2/25	(Tuesday) SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION
2/27	The Last Invasions - Vikings, Slave, Saracens: Text 21, 28-31
3/3	Rural Life in the Early Middle Ages: Text 25-27; Reader pp. 129-138
3/5	Feudal Society: Text 22-24; Reader pp. 90-101

- 3/7-15 SPRING RECESS
- 3/17 The Reform of the Church: Text 32-34; Reader pp. 49-55
- 3/24 The Crusades: Text 35-37; Reader pp. 290-302, 325-6, 437-64
- 3/26 Economic Expansion: Text 38-42; Reader pp. 138-49, 407-36, 465-491
- 3/31 Feudal Monarchies: Text 46-47; Reader pp. 251-265, 267-275, 356-378
- 3/31 Fourth Credit and Honors Papers Due (Thurs.)
- 4/2 Empire and Papcy: Text 48-52; Reader 59-67, 202-216, 517-518
- 4/7 Monarchs and Representative Institutions: Text 53-56
- 4/9 (Thursday) TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION
- 4/14 The New Learning: Text 43-45; 57-60; Reader pp. 55-58; 82-89, 326-38
- 4/16 Medieval Art and Culture: Text 61-64; Reader pp. 500-17, 530-50
- 4/21 Social and Economic Crises: Text 65-67, 78, 79; Reader pp. 174-6, 179-202, 216-22
- 4/23 Decline of the Papcy: Text 68-70, 76, 83-85; Reader pp. 265-6, 233-6, 303-10, 378-84, 676-82
- 4/28 Late Medieval Warfare: Text 71-73, 80-82; Reader pp. 102-112, 222-30
- 4/30 England in the Late Middle Ages: Text 74, 87; Reader pp. 276-80
- 5/5 Politics on the Continent: Text 75/77, 86
- 5/7 From Medieval to Modern Europe, Text 88, 89; Reader pp. 117-128, 167-169, 384-99