

**Department of History
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H115

Medieval Europe

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Required Texts:

Edward Peters, *Europe and the Middle Ages* (Prentice Hall)

Alfred J. Andrea, *The Mediaeval Record: Sources of Mediaeval History* (Houghton Mifflin)

John Aberth, *The Black Death: The Great Mortality of 1348-1350* (Bedford/St. Martin's)

Course Requirements:

Three Credit Students: Three essay examinations (6 weeks, 12 weeks, Final, non-cumulative)

Four Credit Students: Three examinations plus one 5-6 pp. paper.

Honors Students: Three examinations plus one 9-10 pp paper. .

Papers due April 28

N.B. Regular attendance in class and discussion sections is expected. Excessive absence may negatively impact your final grade.

WEEKLY LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

1/23-25	Introduction The Late Roman Empire Peters, ch.1; Andrea, Prologue, nos. 1-2 (numeration refers to sources, not chapters)
1/28-2/1	Early Christians From Sect to Church Peters, ch. 2; Andrea, nos. 3-5
2/4-8	The Barbarian World German Invasions and Successor States Peters, chs. 3,7; Andrea, nos. 6-10
2/11-15	The Tripartite Mediterranean Byzantium, Islam and the West Peters, chs. 4-5; Andrea, nos.11-15
2/18-22	The Rise of Latin Christendom Merovingians and Carolingians Peters, ch. 6-8; Andrea, nos. 17-29

- 2/25-27 Viking Conquests
Magyars and Saracens
Peters, ch. 9; Andrea, nos. 30-35
- 2/29 FRIDAY- SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION**
- 3/3-7 Economic Expansion
Lordship and Kingship
Peters, ch. 10-11; Andrea, nos.36-37, 44, 45, 49-52
- 3/10-14 Church Reform
The Investiture Struggle
Peters, ch. 12; Andrea, nos. 38,39, 62-65
- 3/15-23 SPRING RECESS**
- 3/24-28 Crusades
The Military Orders
Andrea, nos. 72-75
- 3/31-4/4 Learning and Culture in the Twelfth Century
Reason and Imagination in the Gothic World
Peters, chs. 13, 16; Andrea, nos. 53-61
- 4/7-9 Challenges to Papal Authority
The Reign of Innocent III
Peters, ch. 14; Andrea, nos. 40-43, 66, 76-78
- 4/11 FRIDAY - TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION**
- 4/14-18 The Consolidation of Royal Power
New bureaucratic and judicial institutions; political theory
Peters, ch. 15; Andrea, nos. 63, 64, 68-71
- 4.21-25 A Century of Woe: The Crises of the Fourteenth Century
Environmental and Demographic Challenges
Peters, ch. 17; Andrea, nos. 79, 80; Aberth, *The Black Death*
- 4/28 FOURTH CREDIT AND HONORS PAPERS DUE**
- 4/28-5/2 The Decline of the Church
The Conciliar Movement
Peters, ch. 18; Andrea, nos. 81, 82, 88
- 5/5-9 Warfare and Politics in the Late Middle Ages

New Horizons
Peters, chs. 19,20; Andrea, nos. 83, 86, 90-92

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