

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 2006-07

History 317: MEDIEVAL SOCIAL & INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, 400-1200

Lectures: TR @ 11:00 in 1101 Humanities Bldg
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Office hrs: Wed 2:00-4:00

Required Reading:

Cook and Herzman, The Medieval World View (Oxford)
C. S. Lewis, The Discarded Image (Cambridge)
J. Leclercq, The Love of Learning and the Desire for God (Fordham)
Augustine, Confessions (Penguin)
Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy (Penguin)
Abelard, Story of Abelard's Adversities (PIMS, Toronto)
Anselm, Basic Writings (Open Court)

Recommended Reading:

D. Knowles, The Evolution of Medieval Thought
E. Kitzinger, Early Medieval Art
R. W. Southern, The Making of the Middle Ages
C. H. Haskins, The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century
H. Waddell, The Wandering Scholars
Guibert of Nogent, Self and Society in Medieval France

Those students lacking a background in medieval history are strongly urged to consult one of the following textbooks on reserve:

Brian Tierney, Western Europe in the Middle Ages
R. H. C. Davis, A History of Medieval Europe
A. Lewis, Emerging Medieval Europe

Undergraduates are expected to attend lectures and discussion section, and should be taking the course for four credits. In addition to the examinations, graduate students and honors students will be expected to write a research paper. Topics for the papers should be selected by the student and approved by the instructor by October 5.

LECTURES:

A. The Classical Heritage and Christian Learning:

Sept. 5: Course introduction; Latin West in the World of Late Antiquity
Sept. 7: Education in Late Roman and Early Medieval Cultures

Sept. 12: Institutional Structure of the Early Church
Sept. 14: Christian Monasticism, 400-800

Sept. 19: Gnosticism and Neoplatonism
Sept. 21: Augustine on Creation and Evil

Sept. 26: The Pelagian Crisis & Augustine on Human Nature & Society
Sept. 28: Augustine and Donatism

B. Early Medieval Culture: Survival and Renewal

Oct. 3: Boethius, Cassiodorus, and Early Medieval Learning
Oct. 5: Late Antique and Early Medieval Art and Architecture (guest lecture)

Oct. 10: Review Session
Oct. 12: **First Exam**

Oct. 17: Carolingian Revival I: The Age of Charlemagne
Oct. 19: The Carolingian Revival II: The 9th Century

Oct. 24: Gottschalk and Semi-Pelagianism; Carolingian Neoplatonism
Oct. 27: Ottonian and Salian Culture; Hrothswitha of Gandersheim

C. The New Economy and the Transformation of Medieval Culture

Oct. 31: Social-Economic Change & the Recovery of Town Life
Nov. 2: Monastic Reforms and the Gregorian Reform

Nov. 7: From Customary Law to Common Law
Nov. 9: From Epic to Romance

Nov. 14: From Romanesque to Gothic
Nov. 16: **Second Exam**

D. Education, Religion, and Philosophy in the Twelfth Century

Nov. 21: Anselm
Nov. 23: Educational Change and the Schools of Northern France

Nov. 28: St. Bernard, the School of St. Victor, and Peter Lombard

Dec. 5: Peter Abelard
Dec. 7: Women and Twelfth-Century Learning

Dec. 12: "Chartrain" Humanism
Dec. 14: Naturalism and Individualism

Final Examination: