

SYLLABUS HI 208 MEDIEVAL HISTORY
Fall 2020, North Carolina State University

Pumphrey

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Resources

Judith M. Bennett and Sandy Bardsley. *Medieval Europe: A Short History*. Twelfth Edition.
Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020.
Course Packet – Posted on Moodle.
Recorded Lectures – Posted on Moodle.

Assignments

Due Date

Take Home Exam I	August 24
Paper I	September 25
Take Home Exam II	October 7
Paper II	November 2
Essays III (Final – Section 1)	20 November
Essays III (Final – Section 2)	18 November

Course Description

-This course will focus on the history of Europe from the "fall" of the Roman Empire (circa AD 300) to the coming of the Renaissance (circa AD 1300).

Goals:

-Enhanced understanding of major historical issues and concepts.
-Improved skills of logic and communication.

GEP Objectives:

The course meets NCSU's **General Education Program (GEP) Humanities Category Objectives** to enable students to:

1. Engage the human experience through the interpretation of human culture; and become aware of the act of interpretation itself as a critical form of knowing in the humanities; and
2. Make academic arguments about the human experience using reasons and evidence for supporting those reasons that are appropriate to the humanities.

It also meets the **Global Knowledge Category Objectives** of NCSU's Humanities GEP to enable students to:

1. Identify and examine the distinguishing characteristics, including ideas, values, images, cultural artifacts, economic structures, technological or scientific developments, and/or attitudes of people in a society or culture outside the United States.
2. Explain how these distinguishing characteristics relate to cultural and historical contexts and change in response to internal and external pressures.

POLICIES

Grades:

-Weighted as follows: Exam I – 10%, Exam II – 20%, Exam III – 20%, Paper I – 25%, Paper II – 25%.

Attendance:

-Lectures for this course have been pre-recorded. We will meet for a zoom session once a week to take deep-dives into particular debates and to discuss upcoming assignments. Attendance is recommended.

Late Work

-Students should turn in assignments on the due date. I will accept late papers but they will be penalized (two percentage points per late day).

Incomplete Work:

-Students must complete all assignments to receive course credit.

Academic Integrity:

-Students are expected to adhere to the University policy on academic integrity, found in the Code of Student Conduct. (See Appendix L of the *Handbook for Advising and Teaching*). It is the student's responsibility to make himself or herself fully familiar with the requirements of this code.

Disabled Students:

- Reasonable adjustments will be made for students with hearing, visual, motor, or learning disabilities in accordance with university policies. If you have been advised to take advantage of these adjustments, please contact me at the beginning of the semester.

DATES (WEEK) 2020	Topic	Readings (Bennett & Bardsley) + Associated Lectures	Class Zoom Meetings	Due Date
Week 1 August 10 -14	Orientation and Romans	Chapter 1		
August 10			Overview of Course	
August 12			Sources & Evidence	
Week 2 August 17-21	Christians, and Barbarians	Chapter 1		
August 19			TH Exam (Guidance)	
Week 3 August 24-28	Early Western Christendom, c. 500-700	Chapter 2		
August 24				TH Exam I (CH 1)
August 26			Paper I (Guidance)	
Week 5 August 31-September 4	The Byzantine Empire, c. 500-1000	Chapter 3		
Sept 2			Discussion	

Week 6 September 7 - 11	The Islamic Empires, c. 571-1100	Chapter 4		
Sept 9			Discussion	
Week 7 September 14 - 18	Carolingian Europe, c. 700-850	Chapter 5		
Sept 16			Discussion	
Week 8 September 21 - 25	Division, Invasion, and Reorganization, c. 800-1000	Chapter 6		
Sept 23			Discussion	
Sept 25				Paper I
Week 9 September 28 – October 2	Economic Takeoff and Social Change in the Countryside, c. 1000-1300	Chapter 7		
Sept 30			Paper II (Guidance)	
Week 10 October 5- 9	Economic Takeoff and Social Change in Town and Court, c. 1000-1300	Chapter 8		
Oct 7			Discussion	
Oct 9				TH Exam II (CH 2-8)
Week 11 October 12- 16	Popes and the Papacy, c. 1000-1300	Chapter 9		
Oct 14			Discussion	
Week 12 October 19- 23	New Paths to God, c. 1000-1300	Chapter 10		
Oct 21			Discussion	
Week 13 October 26- 30	Conquests, Crusades, and Persecutions, c. 1100-1300	Chapter 11		
Oct 28			Discussion	
Week 14 November 2-6	States Made and Unmade, c. 1000-1300	Chapter 12		
November 2				Paper II
Nov 4			Discussion	
Week 15 November 9-13	Literature, Art, and Thought, c. 1000-1300	Chapter 13		
Nov 11			Review	
Nov 13 (Last Day of Class)				
Week 16 November 16-20 (Exams)				
Nov 18				Exam III (CH 9-13) (Section 2)
Nov 20				Exam III (CH 9-13) (Section 1)