

THE CRUSADES
History 319/Religion 319

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TTh 1:15-2:45
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This course is a survey of the history of the idea of "crusade", the expeditions of medieval Western Europeans to the East known as crusades, crusade as "frontier," the Muslim and Eastern Christian cultures against which these movements were directed, as well as the culture of the Latin East and the other consequences of these crusades.

Books required:

Allen, S.J., & Amt, Emile, eds. The Crusades: A Reader.
Maalouf, Amin. The Crusades Through Arab Eyes.
Tyerman, Christopher. God's War: A New History of the Crusades.
Webb, Diana. Medieval European Pilgrimage, c. 700-c. 1500.

Book suggested:

Rosenwein, Barbara. A Short History of the Middle Ages

The required books may be purchased at the book store. Tyerman's book is a recent synthesis and narrative account of crusades and the development of the crusading movement with maps and color plates, by one of the leading scholars in the field. Maalouf reports on the meaning and impact of the crusades on the Muslim cultures crusaders encountered in the middle east. Webb focuses on pilgrimage, which the crusades were, in part. These three are secondary sources, more recent historical writings based on primary sources. Primary sources are writings or other sources of information produced at the time of the events under consideration (or as close as we can get). The Allen/Amt book is a collection of some of these primary sources in translation. Students will also be responsible for other material on reserve at Kelvin Smith library, handouts distributed in class and material posted on the Blackboard site for this class. A copy of Barbara Rosenwein's A Short History of the Middle Ages is on reserve at Kelvin Smith library for those who need more general background on medieval Europe. A copy of Tyerman will be on reserve also, once it has been processed into the system. A copy of Maalouf is also on reserve.

Grading: The final grade will be based on a midterm essay exam (25%), a final essay exam (30%), two short essay papers (10% each) and one report on an outside book (25%). Exams will be based on lectures, assigned readings, in-class discussions and

Primary Sources

Tyerman cc. 11-14; A/A #35-#44;
Friedman & Schein articles;

October 13 & 15 More Latin East: Sources
 Tyerman cc. 5-7, 22-4;

NO CLASS TUESDAY OCTOBER 20 - FALL BREAK

October 22 Byzantium and the Fourth Crusade
 Review
 Tyerman cc. 15-17; A/A #56, #57,
 #58, #62, #63, #23-#29

October 27 & 29 Islam and the Crusades
 Maalouf, all;
 MIDTERM EXAM TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

November 3 & 5 The Military Orders
 Crusading on Europe's Other Frontiers
 Tyerman cc. 20-1; A/A #49, #50,
 #64-#70, #74, #75, #77, #81,
 #93, #94

BOOK REVIEW CHOICE DUE IN CLASS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

November 10 & 12 Crusades and the Latin East in the Late
 Medieval and Early Modern Periods
 Tyerman, cc. 25-6; A/A #88-#92, #99
 BOOK REVIEW PAPERS DUE IN CLASS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

November 17 & 19 Later Interpretations of the Crusades
 Siberry article
 In-class presentations

November 24 In-class presentations

NO CLASS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26- THANKSGIVING

December 1 & 3 In-class presentations

FINAL EXAM AS SCHEDULED

This syllabus may be subject to change.