Department of History  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Semester I, 2005-06

H115  Medieval Europe  M. Mazzaoui

Required Texts:

Edward Peters, *Europe and the Middle Ages* (Prentice Hall)  
Alfred J. Andrea, *The Mediaeval Record: Sources of Mediaeval History* (Houghton Mifflin)

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. Topic to be chosen in consultation with the teaching assistant.  
Honors Students: Three examinations plus one 9-10 pp paper. Topic to be chosen in consultation with the Professor.  
Papers due: November 30.

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

**WEEKLY LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE**

9/2  Introduction  
Andrea, Prologue on Primary Sources (subsequent citations refer to specific sources, not chapters)

9/5  The Transformation of the Roman Empire  
Peters, ch. 1; Andrea, Sources 1-2

9/7-9  The Rise of Christianity  
Peters, ch. 2; Andrea, Sources 3-5

9/12-16  The Germanic Invaders  
Peters, chs. 3, 7; Andrea, Sources, 6-10

9/19-23  The Tripartite Mediterranean: Byzantium, Islam and the West  
Peters, chs. 4-5; Andrea, Sources 11-15

9/26-30  The Rise of Latin Christendom  
Peters, ch. 6; Andrea, Sources 17-23

10/3-7  The Carolingian Empire  
Peters, ch. 8; Andrea, Sources 24-29
10/10-12  Viking Expansion and the Emergence of Europe  
Peters, ch. 9; Andrea, Sources 30-35

10/14  FRIDAY- SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION

10/17  Economic Growth  
Peters, ch. 10; Andrea, Sources 44, 45, 49, 51

10/19-21  Lordship and Kingship  
Peters, ch. 11; Andrea, Sources 30-37, 50, 52

10/24  Church Reform  
Peters, ch. 12; Andrea, Sources 38, 39, 62-65

10/26-28  Crusades  
Andrea, Sources 72-75

10/31-11/4  Learning and Culture in the Twelfth Century  
Peters, ch. 13; Andrea, Sources 53, 56-61

11/7-11  Challenges to Papal Authority  
Peters, ch. 14; Andrea, Sources 40-43, 66, 76-78

11/14-16  The Consolidation of Royal Power  
Peters, ch. 15; Andrea, Sources 63, 64, 68-71

11/18  FRIDAY-TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION

11/21-23  Reason and Imagination in the Gothic World  
Peters, ch. 16; Andrea, Sources 54, 55

11/24-27  THANKSGIVING RECESS

11/30  FOURTH CREDIT AND HONORS PAPERS DUE

11/28-12/2  A Century of Woe: The Crises of the Fourteenth Century  
Peters, ch. 17; Andrea, Sources 79, 80

12/5-9  The Decline of the Church  
Peters, ch. 18; Andrea, Sources, 81, 82, 88

12/12-14  War and politics in the Late Middle Ages  
Peters, chs. 19, 20; Andrea. Sources 83, 86, 90-92