History 115 - Medieval Europe 410-1500

Required Texts

Brian Tierney and Sidney Painter, *Western Europe in the Middle Ages* (Knopf) --- Numbering in syllabus refers to sections not chapters.

The Portable Medieval Reader (Penguin)

The Crusades (Paperback Press)

Course Requirements

Three examinations (six weeks, twelve weeks and final) required of all students. Paper required for fourth credit option (8-10 pp.) Topic to be approved by T.A. Honors credit to be determined individually.

Lecture Schedule

1/20 Introduction: Text 1-2

1/22 The Late Roman Empire: Text 3-5

1/27 Christianity and the Early Church: Text 6-9

1/29 Early Germanic Society: Text 10

2/3 The Barbarian Invasions: Text 11

2/5 The Germanic Successor States in the West: Text 12

2/10 The Rise of Byzantium: Text 13

2/12 The Kingdom of the West Franks; The Roman Church: Text 14-16

2/14 Islam and the West: Text 17

2/19 The Carolingian Empire: Text 18-20

2/24 (Tuesday) SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION

2/26 The Last Invasions - Vikings, Slaves, Saracens: Text 21, 28-31

3/3 Rural Life in the Early Middle Ages: Text 25-27; Reader pp. 129-139

3/5 Feudal Society: Text 22-24; Reader, pp. 90-101

3/10 The Reform of the Church: Text 32-34; Reader, pp. 49-55

3/12 The Crusades: Text 25-27; The Crusades (Paperback); Reader pp. 290-302; 325-4; 437-64
3/14-3/22  SPRING RECESS


3/31  Fourth Credit and Honors Papers Due (Tues.)

4/2  Empire and Papacy: Text 48-52; Reader, 59-67, 202-216, 517-518

4/7  Monarchs and Representative Institutions: Text 53-56

4/9  (Thurs.) TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION

4/14  The New Learning: Text 43-45; 57-60; Reader, pp. 55-58, 82-89; 326-338; 573-609, 620-666

4/16  Medieval Art and Culture: Text 61-64; Reader, pp. 500-17, 530-50.


4/28  Late Medieval Warfare: Text 71-73, 80-82; Reader, pp. 102-112, 222-239.

4/30  England in the Late Middle Ages: Text 74, 87; Reader, pp. 276-80

5/5  Politics on the Continent: Text 75, 77, 85.

5/7  From Medieval to Modern Europe: Text 88, 89; Reader, 117-128, 187-109, 384-399.

MONDAY, MAY 11  FINAL EXAMINATION