Lecture Schedule - Summer 1987

June 16 - 1. (1) Introduction: The Background of Antiquity: From Polis to Empire
June 17 - 2. (5) The Imperial Crises and the Reforms of Diocletian
June 18 - 3. (4-5) The Origins and Triumph of Christianity
June 22 - 4. (3-6) The Early Councils and the New Christian Culture
June 23 - 5. (7-9) The Barbarian Migrations and the Germanic Kingdoms of the West
June 24 - 6. (8-10) The Empire's Survival in the East and the Age of Justinian
June 25 - 7. (1) Islam and the Arab Conquests
June 29 - 8. (11-13) The Byzantine World
June 30 - FIRST EXAMINATION (on the material of Lectures 1-6)
July 1 - 9. (14) The Franks, Charlemagne, and the Carolingian Empire
July 2 - 10. (15) Vikings and Normans
July 6 - 11. (17) The Slavs and Central Europe
July 7 - 12. (18) Feudalism and the Peasantry
July 8 - 13. (19) Feudalism and the Aristocracy
July 9 - 14. (20) The German (Holy Roman) Empire
July 14 - 16. (22) The Investiture Controversy
July 15 - 17. (23) The Crusades
July 16 - 18. (24) The Hohenstaufen vs. the Papacy
July 22 - 21. (27) The Medieval Cultural Synthesis in the Arts
July 23 - 22. (28) Mongols and Turks
July 27 - SECOND EXAMINATION (on the material of Lectures 9-22 only)
July 29 - 24. (33) The Feudal Monarchies vs. the Papacy
July 30 - 25. (35) The Feudal Monarchies vs. Each Other
Aug. 4 - 27. (37) The Holy Roman Empire and Italy in the Late Middle Ages /Papacy
Aug. 5 - 28. The Medieval Cultural Achievement
Aug. 6 - FINAL EXAMINATION (on the material of the entire course, but stressing
Lectures 23-28)


In addition, while not explicitly required for purchase, there is a Syllabus prepared for this course (when given for 4 credits) which is recommended for purchase. This Syllabus is available, under the course number and instructor's name, from the American Printing Company outlet at the Campus press shop, corner of Johnson & Bassett Streets. It contains the breakdown of reading assignments, plus supplementary listings of other reading available, plus detailed outlines for each lecture and reference material on the course matter. You will find it a helpful guide both in taking notes in the lectures and for subsequent study and review.

The class will meet four times a week, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, but not on Fridays, nor on June 15. The first fifty-minutes of each class will be the lecture presentation, followed by time for questions and discussion. The course is given for only 3 credits, and no term paper is required, but students interested in writing one may do so as a substitute for the Second Examination, upon consultation with the instructor about the topic.

Remember that the summer course format is very concise, that there is far less time between classes (evenings, weekends) than in the normal semester, and that time runs by swiftly. Do NOT miss School in class attendance and reading!