History 115: MEDIEVAL EUROPE, 410-1500
Lecture Schedule - Summer 1988

June 14 - 1. (1) Introduction: The Background of Antiquity: From Polis to Empire
June 15 - 2. (3) The Imperial Crises and the Reforms of Diocletian
June 16 - 3. (4-5) The Origins and Triumph of Christianity
June 20 - 4. (5-6) The Early Councils and the New Christian Culture
June 21 - 5. (7-8) The Barbarian Migrations and the Germanic Kingdoms of the West
June 22 - 6. (8-9) The Empire's Survival in the East and the Age of Justinian
June 23 - 7. (10) Islam and the Arab Conquests
June 27 - 8. (12-13) The Byzantine World
June 28 - FIRST EXAMINATION (on the material of Lectures 1-8)
June 29 - 9. (14) The Franks, Charlemagne, and the Carolingian Empire
June 30 - 10. (16) Vikings and Normans

July 4 - (Holiday: Independence Day)
July 5 - 11. (17) The Slavs and Central Europe
July 6 - 12. (18) Manorialism
July 7 - 13. (19) Feudalism
July 11 - 14. (20) The German (Holy Roman) Empire
July 12 - 15. (21) The Papacy
July 13 - 16. (22) The Investiture Controversy
July 14 - 17. (23) The Crusades
July 18 - 18. (24) The Hohenstaufen vs. the Papacy
July 19 - 19. (25) Commerce and the Flourishing of Towns
July 20 - 20. (26) Scholasticism and the Rise of Universities
July 21 - 21. (30) Mongols and Turks
July 25 - SECOND EXAMINATION (on the material of Lectures 9-21 only)
July 27 - 23. (33) The Feudal Monarchies vs. the Papacy
July 28 - 24. (35) The Feudal Monarchies vs. Each Other

Aug. 2 - 26. (37) The Holy Roman Empire and Italy in the Late Middle Ages
Aug. 3 - 27. The Medieval Cultural Achievement
Aug. 4 - FINAL EXAMINATION (on the material of the entire course, but stressing Lectures 22-27)


In addition, while not explicitly required for purchase, there is a Syllabus prepared for this course (as regularly 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 and Publishing outlet at the Omnirep shop, corner of Johnson & Bassett Streets. It contains the breakdown of reading assignments, plus supplementary listings of other reading available, together with 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 in subsequent study and review.
The class will meet four times a week, ordinarily, from 8:55 to 10:10 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, but not on Fridays, nor on June 13 or July 4. The first fifty-odd minutes of each class will be the lecture presentation, followed by a session for question and discussion in the remaining time. The course is given only for 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, and that time runs by swiftly. Do NOT fall behind in class attendance and reading!