University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of History
Semester I, 2010-11

H 200 Medieval Warfare M. Mazzaoui

Required Textbooks:
Winthrop Lindsay Adams, Alexander The Great (Pearson Longman PB)
Kelly DeVries, Medieval Military Technology (Toronto PB)
Michael Prestwich, Armies and Warfare in the Middle Ages: The English Experience (Yale PB)
Helen Nicholson and David Nicolle, God’s Warriors: Knights Templar, Saracens and the Battle for Jerusalem (Osprey PB)

A useful reference work: The Oxford Encyclopedia of Medieval Warfare and Military Technology ed, Clifford J. Rogers

Assignments include Decisive Battles Series and Battles BC on YouTube (DB and BC).

Course Requirements:
Three credits. Three essay examinations: two midterms and final, non-cumulative.
N.B. Regular attendance is expected. Excessive absence may have a negative impact on your final grade.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

9/2 Introduction: Military Technology in the Ancient World
DeVries, pp. 3-6, 44-47; Prestwich, ch. 1, ch. 2, pp. 30-37

9/7 Ancient Warfare: Battle of Qadesh (1294 B.C.); Siege of Troy
DB: Ramses II

9/9-14 The Greek Phalanx; Battle of Marathon
Sparta, A Warrior Society; Thermopylae
DeVries, pp. 7-20, 25-33, 50-52, 125-132; DB: Marathon, Thermopylae; BC: Judgement Day at Marathon

9/16-21 Alexander of Macedon
Adams, chs, 1-5; DB: Gaugamela

9/23-28 The Roman Legions; The Punic Wars; Battle of Cynocephalo
DeVries pp. 52-55, 125-132, 174-187; DB: Cannae; Birth of the Roman Empire

9/30-10/5 Celtic Warriors: Vercingetorix; Boudica
DeVries, pp. 56-58; DB: Hail Caesar

10/7 SIX-WEEKS EXAMINATION
10/12-14  Roman Limes and Germanic Tribes; Huns; Gothic Invasion: Battle of Adrianople
DeVries, pp. 140-141; 288-89; DB: Herman the German; The Gothic Invasion of Rome;
Attila the Hun

10/19  The Byzantine Army; Naval Warfare
No assignment

10/21  The Rise of Feudalism: The Carolingian Army

10/26-28  Viking and Norman Conquests
Castles and Sieges

11/2  The Iberian Frontier: El Cid and the Reconquista
Ebook (48pp): El Cid and the Reconquista by David Nicolle (optional)

11/4  TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION

11/9-11  The First Crusade
(Prestwich, ch. 9)
Internet Medieval Sourcebook: The Crusades www.fordham.edu

11/16-18  The Later Crusades
The Knights Templar
De Vries, pp. 225-235, 294-297
Nicholson and Nicolle, pp. 6-82, 140-195

11/23  The Conquests of Genghis Khan
The Battle of Leignitz
No assignment

11/25-30  Late Medieval Armies in Wales
Braveheart’s Scotland
De Vries, pp. 79-94; 244-249; Prestwich, chs. 3-9, 11

11/26-29  THANKSGIVING RECESS

12/2-7  Hundred Years War
The Age of Gunpowder
De Vries, pp. 143-163; Prestwich, chs. 10, 13

12/9  The Ottoman Advance; The Siege of Constantinople
De Vries, pp. 305-308
12/14  The Armada
Renaissance Warfare: A Military Revolution?
Prestwich, ch. 14

12/17  FRIDAY  2:45 P.M.- 4:45 P.M.  FINAL EXAMINATION