HISTORY 309

THE CRUSADES: CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

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Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday, 1-2.15, 1651 Humanities
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SCOPE OF THE COURSE

History 309 will look at the phenomenon of the Crusade, as well as the history of the individual Crusades. It will place more emphasis on the "other" side - the Islamic side - than has traditionally been the case in Crusading studies, which have tended to be overwhelmingly Western-oriented. It will also give some attention to recent developments in the historiography of the Crusades.

REQUIREMENTS

Students will be expected to write a paper of about 10 pages, to be submitted by 29 April, and two book reviews of 2-3 pages, to be submitted by 16 February and 23 March. The books chosen for review should be directly relevant to the course. Students are at liberty to choose their own topics for the papers (subject to approval by me or by the TA); but suggestions for suitable topics can be offered, and we can recommend appropriate reading. There will be a mid-term quiz, taken in class during the week beginning 7 March, and an end of term quiz before the penultimate week of the semester. Attendance at both lectures and sections counts towards the final grade.

REQUIRED READING


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REFERENCE

B. Hamilton, The Crusades (1998) is an excellent introduction in 100 very small pages
P.M. Holt, The Age of the Crusades, The Near East from the Eleventh Century to 1517 (1986) looks at the period from the standpoint of a historian of the Middle East
N. Housley, Contesting the Crusades (2006) is useful on historiographical controversies
N. Housley, The Later Crusades. From Lyons to Alcazar 1274-1580 (1992) is standard for its period
T. Jones & A. Ereira, Crusades (1995) is the book of a farcical BBC TV series
P. Lock, The Routledge Companion to the Crusades (2006) is a useful handbook
H.E. Mayer, The Crusades, 2nd ed. (1988) is a good survey by a historian not of the Riley-Smith school
J. Phillips, The Crusades 1095-1197 (2002) is very good on the first century of Crusading
J. Richard, The Crusades, c. 1071-1291 (1999) is a splendid example of the French historiographical tradition
S. Runciman, A History of the Crusades, 3 vols (1951-4) is the classic older history
R. Grousset, Histoire des Croisades, 3 vols (1934-6) is the French equivalent of Runciman
C. Tyerman, God’s War. A New History of the Crusades (2006) is the most impressive single-author history since Runciman’s.


T.F. Madden (ed.), *Crusades. The Illustrated History* (2004) is by several well-known scholars, with excellent colour pictures.


P. Edbury & J. Phillips; and M. Bull & N. Housley (eds), *The Experience of Crusading*, 2 vols (2003) is a valuable collection of articles in honour of Jonathan Riley-Smith, the most influential contemporary historian of the Crusades.

There are many other useful collections of studies, such as:

- M. Ballard, B.Z. Kedar & J. Riley-Smith (eds), *Dei gesta per Francos* (2001)
- S.B. Edgington & S. Lambert (eds), *Gendering the Crusades* (2001)

**LECTURE AND READING LIST**

**Weeks 1-2. The historiography of the Crusades. Europe and the Middle East at the time of the First Crusade**

- Jaspert, 1-13
- Hillenbrand, 1-14, 31-50
- Madden, ch 1
- Riley-Smith, "The Crusading movement and historians", in Riley-Smith, 1-12 (R-S 2, 1-14)
- R.G. Irwin, "Islam and the Crusades", in Riley-Smith, 217-23 (R-S 2, 211-18)
- Runciman, chs 1-3

**Additional Reading**

- Richard, 1-15
- Hamilton, xv-xx
- Housley, *Later Crusades*, 1-6
- Holt, 1-15, 167-77
- Mayer, chs 1 & 15
- J. Harris, *Byzantium and the Crusades* (2003), chs 1-3
- C. Tyerman, *The Invention of the Crusades* (1998), ch. 3
- H.A.R. Gibb, "The Caliphate and the Arab states", in *Wisconsin History*, vol. 1
- C. Cahen, "The Turkish invasion: the Selchukids", in *Wisconsin History*, vol. 1

**Week 3. The origins and idea of Crusade. Holy War in Christendom and Islam**

- Jaspert, 13-34
- Hillenbrand, 89-112
- Madden, ch 1
- M. Bull, "Origins", in Riley-Smith, 13-33 (R-S 2, 15-34)
Irwin, "Islam and the Crusades", in Riley-Smith, 223-8 (R-S 2, 218-24)
Runciman, ch 4

Additional Reading
Richard, 15-18
Mayer, ch. 2
Riley-Smith, *What were the Crusades?* (2nd ed., 1992)

Week 4. The First Crusade and the establishment of the Latin states

Jaspert, 35-47, 61-81
Hillenbrand, 50-84
Madden, chs 2-3
Runciman (the rest of the book)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, chs 1-2
Phillips, 14-36
Richard, 19-76
Holt, 16-19
Mayer, chs 3-4
Harris, *Byzantium*, chs 4-5
D. Hay, 'Gender bias and religious intolerance in accounts of the “massacres” of the First Crusade,’ in M. Gervers & J.M. Powell (eds), *Tolerance and Intolerance. Social Conflict in the Age of the Crusades* (2001), pp. 3-10

Week 5. War and peace in the Crusader states

Hillenbrand, pp. 431-581
Phillips, "The Latin East 1098-1291", in Riley-Smith, 112-26 (R-S 2, 111-25)

Additional Reading
Phillips, ch. 7
Richard, 77-123
Holt, 31-7
J. Prawer, *The Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem* (1972) [also published as *The Crusaders’ Kingdom*]
Mayer, *Crusades*, ch. 8
R.C. Smail, *Crusading Warfare 1097-1193* (1956)

Week 6. The fall of Edessa, the Second Crusade and the Zengids
Jaspert, 47-50
Hillenbrand, 112-67
Madden, chs 3-4
Irwin, in Riley-Smith, 228-31 (R-S 2, 224-7)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, 35-40
Phillips, 37-9, chs 6, 8
Richard, 146-90
Holt, 38-52
Mayer, Crusades, chs 5 & 6
H.A.R. Gibb, "Zengi and the fall of Edessa", and "The career of Nur-ad-Din", in Wisconsin History, vol. 1
Ibn al-Qalanisi, The Damascus Chronicle of the Crusades, tr. Gibb (1932)

Week 7. Saladin and the Third Crusade. The Ayyubids

Jaspert, 50-2
Hillenbrand, 171-225
Madden, ch 4
Irwin, in Riley-Smith, 231-3, 235-40 (R-S 2, 228-30, 234-9)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, 40-8
Phillips, chs 11-12
Richard, 190-231
B. Hamilton, The Leper King and his Heirs (2000)
Gibb, Saladin: Studies in Islamic History (some reprinted from Wisconsin History, vol. 1)
Gibb, The Life of Saladin (1973)
A.S. Ehrenkreutz, Saladin (1972)
D.S. Richards (tr.), The Rare and Excellent History of Saladin, by Baha al-Din Ibn Shaddad (2001) [one of Saladin’s admirers]
R.S. Humphreys, From Saladin to the Mongols (1977)
Mayer, ch. 7
Holt, 53-66

Week 8. Muslims and Christians in Syria

Jaspert, ch. 3
Hillenbrand, 257-420
Irwin, in Riley-Smith, 233-5
Usama, The Book of Contemplation

Additional Reading
Phillips, chs 4, 10
Richard, 100-08
Irwin, "Usamah ibn Munqidh: an Arab-Syrian gentleman at the time of the Crusades reconsidered", in J. France & W.G. Zajac (eds), The Crusades and their Sources (1998)
P.D. Mitchell, Medicine in the Crusades (2004)
Week 9. The Military Orders. Crusading outside the Holy Land

Jaspert, ch 4-5
Madden, ch 6
A. Forey, "The Military Orders, 1120-1312", in Riley-Smith, 184-216 (R-S 2, 176-210)
A. Luttrell, "The Military Orders, 1312-1798", in Riley-Smith, 326-64 (R-S 2, 323-62)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, ch 7
Housley, 204-375
Phillips, ch 5
H. Nicholson, *the Knights Templar* (2001)
D. Seward, *The Monks of War* (1972)

Week 10. The Fourth Crusade and Frankish Greece

Jaspert, 52-4
Madden, ch 5

Additional Reading
Hamilton, 48-50
Richard, 242-58
Housley, 151-7
Harris, *Byzantium*, chs 9-10
Mayer, ch. 9
H.E. Lurier (tr.), *Crusaders as Conquerors. The Chronicle of Morea* (1964)

Week 11. Frederick II, St Louis, the Crusade and the Mongols

Jaspert, 55-8
Madden, chs 7, 8

Additional Reading
Hamilton, 51-4
Richard, 295-368, 408-41
D. Abulafia, *Frederick II; a Medieval Emperor* (1988)
T.C. Van Cleve, *The Emperor Frederick II of Hohenstaufen* (1972)
P. Jackson, *The Mongols and the West*, 1221-1410 (2005), esp. ch 7
C. Cahen, "The Mongols and the Near East", in *Wisconsin History*, vol. 2
Holt, 82-9
Mayer, ch 13

Week 12. The Mamluks and the end of the Crusader states

Hilgenbrand, 225-46
Irwin, "Islam and the Crusades", in Riley-Smith, 240-2 (R-S 2, 240-2)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, ch 8
Housley, *Later Crusades*, 7-22
Richard, 442-73
Holt, 90-106

Week 13. The Crusade after 1291

Madden, ch 9
P.W. Edbury, "The Latin East 1291-1669", in Riley-Smith, 294-325 (R-S 2, 291-322)
Luttrell, "The Military Orders, 1312-1798", in Riley-Smith, 326-64 (R-S 2, 323-62)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, ch 9
Housley, 22-79
A.S. Atiya, *The Crusade in the Later Middle Ages* (1938)
Riley-Smith, *Short History*, chs 9 & 10
Holt, 107-29, 155-66

Week 14. Tamerlane, the Ottomans and the Crusade

Jaspert, 58-61
Irwin, "Islam and the Crusades", in Riley-Smith, 250-9 (R-S 2, 250-7)

Additional Reading
Hamilton, ch 9
Housley, 80-150
H. Hookham, *Tamburlaine the Conqueror* (1962)
Jackson, *The Mongols and the West*, ch 9
Morgan, *Medieval Persia*, ch. 9
H. Inalcik, *The Ottoman Empire* (1973)
J. McCarthy, *The Ottoman Turks* (1997)
Atiya, *The Crusade in the Later Middle Ages*
Runciman, *The Fall of Constantinople 1453* (1965)

Week 15. The Crusades: significance and consequences

Jaspert, ch 6  
Hiltenbrand, 589-614  
Madden, ch 10  
Siberry, "Images of the Crusades in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries", and Riley-Smith, "Revival and survival", in Riley-Smith, 365-91 (R-S 2, 363-89)

Additional Reading  
Phillips, ch 13  
Richard, 474-82  
Mayer, ch. 15  
Riley-Smith, *History*, conclusion