DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON
Semester II: 2007-08

MEDIEVAL MONASTICISM

History 366
Medieval Studies 366
Religious Studies 366
1-2:15 TR, 1101 Humanities

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The course will cover the history of Christian monasticism from its origins to the end of the Middle Ages. In addition to the texts listed below, other materials will be distributed as the semester progresses. There will be two examinations: a mid-term and a final. In addition, students are expected to do a short research paper (10-12 pages), due April 17, on a topic approved by and discussed with the instructor. Graduate students and honors students are expected to write a longer paper appropriate to their level.

Required Texts:
C. H. Lawrence, *Medieval Monasticism* (Longman)
J. Leclercq, *The Love of Learning and the Desire for God* 
*The Rule of St. Benedict* (Doubleday/Image)

Recommended:
*The Cistercian World: Monastic Writings* (Penguin)
C. H. Lawrence, *The Friars* (Longman)

Jan. 22: Course Introduction
Jan. 24: The Egyptian Desert and the Origins of Monasticism

Jan. 29: Training of the Desert; the Concept of the Holy Man
Jan. 31: Trier, Rome, & Bethlehem: Marcella, Jerome & Paula

Feb. 5: Monasticism in the West II: Augustine and John Cassian
Feb. 7: Early Monastic Rules: Pachomius, Basil, and Augustine

Feb. 12: Women in Religious Life, 400-800
Feb. 14: Lerins and the Abbatial Bishop

Feb. 19: St. Benedict and Cassiodorus
Feb. 21: Rule of St. Benedict

Feb. 26: Celtic Monasticism in Ireland
Feb. 28: Irish Monasticism in England and on the Continent
Mar.  4: Feudalization of Monasticism: the Aristocracy
Mar.  6: Carolingian Monasticism: Royal Abbeys

Mar. 11: Monastic Education [Klais]
Mar. 13: Mid-term Examination

Mar. 25: Monastic Architecture
Mar. 27: Cluny; Canons and the Common Life

Apr.   1: Italian Reform Movements in the 11th century
Apr.   3: La Grande Chartreuse and le Bec Hellouin

Apr.   8: The Cistercians
Apr.  10: Women in the Monastic Life, 1000-1400

Apr.  15: Canons from 9th to 12th centuries
Apr.  17: The Franciscans

Apr.  22: The Dominicans
Apr.  24: Augustinian Hermits, and Carmelites

Apr.  29: Monasticism and University Education

May   1: Beguines and the Devotio Moderna

May   6: Monastic Reform and Urbanism
May   8: No Lecture (Evening Film: Name of the Rose)

May 14: Final Examination (2:45)