

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester I, 2006-07

History 316

LATIN PALAEOGRAPHY

Mr. Courtenay

Tuesdays, 1-3, in Memorial Library 424

Required Texts:

- A. Cappelli, Dizionario di Abbreviature Latine ed Italiane
- B. Bischoff, Latin Palaeography (Cambridge)
- L. D. Reynolds & N. G. Wilson, Scribes and Scholars (Oxford)

Recommended Texts:

- A. Cappelli, Elements of Abbreviation in Medieval Latin
- J. Powell, Medieval Studies
- C. H. Roberts & T. C. Skeat, The Birth of the Codex (Oxford)
- B. L. Ullman, Ancient Writing and its Influence (Toronto)

Course Outline:

Sept. 5: Course introduction; Historiography; Bibliography

Sept. 12: Late Roman & early medieval book production; Roman hands
Readings: Bischoff, sect. A, B.1, C.1; Reynolds, ch.1

Sept. 19: Uncial & half-uncial; work session on Roman hands
Readings: Bischoff, sect. B.II.1-2, B.III.2, C.2

Sept. 26: Anglo-Irish hands & abbreviations; work session on uncial and half-uncial
Readings: Bischoff, sect. B.II.3-5; Reynolds, ch.3

Oct. 3: National minuscules & abbrev.; work session on Anglo-Irish
Readings: Get to know Codices latini antiquiores

Oct. 10: **1st Exam**, and turn in transcriptions on examples of national minuscules
Readings: CLA; Bischoff, sect. B.II.6-7, C.3

Oct. 17: Caroline minuscule to early gothic; charter hands; work session on 9th and 10th cent. hands
Readings: Bischoff, sect. B.III.3-5, C.4

Oct. 24: Scribes & book production (12-15 cent.); work session on charter hands
Readings: Bischoff, sect. B.II.8

Oct. 31: Gothic abbreviations; work session on 12th & 13th cent.
Readings: Bischoff, sect. B.II.9, C.5

Nov. 7: **2nd Exam**

Nov. 14: Papal chancery; Production of paper; Watermarks

Nov. 21: Work session on 14th century hands, including papal chancery
Readings: Bischoff, sect. B.II.10, C.6

Nov. 28: Text editing; work session on 14th cent. English hands
Readings: Parkes, English Cursive; Reynolds, ch. 6, 4

Dec. 5: Work session on 15th cent. gothic and humanist hands

Dec. 12: **Final Exam**