

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1987-88

History 305

ANCIENT EUROPE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will consider Transalpine Europe from later prehistory until the collapse of the Roman Empire in the West (ca.800 B.C.-A.D. 500). The Celts, the European provinces of the Roman Empire, and the early Germanic kingdoms will receive special attention.

LECTURES

Three lectures each week, and a fourth hour for discussion of readings and lectures (if the class size is sufficient to warrant the presence of a teaching assistant).

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS (REGULAR CREDIT)

- (1) Students taking the course for THREE REGULAR CREDITS will write a six weeks examination, a twelve weeks examination, and a final examination.
- (2) Students taking the course for FOUR REGULAR CREDITS will write the three examinations listed above, and hand in (by the scheduled time of the final examination) a term paper. The suggested maximum length of the term paper: 10 to 15 pages. The deadline for selecting all regular credit term paper topics is Friday of the seventh week of the term.

SPECIAL PROJECT: A COLLOQUIUM ON THE GERMANIC SUCCESSOR KINGDOMS

Students who wish to complete the course without following the usual cycle of examinations and papers may participate in a colloquium on the Germanic successor kingdoms (for instance, the Visigoths and Franks) of the early Middle Ages. Participants will select a term paper topic -- preferably one which relates to the theme of the colloquium -- by the third week of the term. They will hand in a first draft of the term paper by Friday of the ninth week of the term, and a second draft (revised in accordance with the instructor's comments and the student's own second thoughts) by the day of the final examination. During the semester participants in the colloquium will use a weekly discussion hour (in addition to the three lecture hours) to present a report on an aspect of the Germanic successor kingdoms.

Participants in the colloquium may earn honors or regular credit for the course. The suggested maximum length of the term paper's second draft varies with the number of credits:

- 3 regular or honors credits -- 10 to 15 pages;
- 4 regular or honors credits -- 15 to 20 pages.

GRADING SYSTEM

- 3 regular credits: 6 weeks exam 30%, 12 weeks exam 35%, final exam 35% of final grade.
- 4 regular credits: 6 weeks exam 20%, 12 weeks exam 25%, term paper 25%, final exam 30% of final grade.
- colloquium: first draft of paper 30%, second draft 35%, discussion section reports 35% of final grade.

APPEALS: The course staff offers second readings of examinations and papers. This is a no-risk review: when second opinions are given, the staff records the higher of the two estimations as the examination or paper grade.

READINGS

- *% T.G. Powell, THE CELTS. Thames & Hudson Paperback.
- *% Caesar, THE CONQUEST OF GAUL (tr. S. Handford & J. Gardner). Penguin Books (Penguin Classics, paperback).
- *% T. Mommsen & T.R.S. Broughton, THE PROVINCES OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE: THE EUROPEAN PROVINCES. University of Chicago Press/Phoenix Paperback.
- *% P.V. Glob, THE BOG PEOPLE: IRON AGE MAN PRESERVED. Faber and Faber, London (paperback).
- *% Tacitus, AGRICOLA AND GERMANIA (tr. H. Mattingly). Penguin Books (Penguin Classics, paperback).
- *% G. Downey, THE LATE ROMAN EMPIRE. Krieger Publishing Company (paperback).
- *% R. Hodges and D. Whitehouse, MOHAMMED, CHARLEMAGNE AND THE ORIGINS OF EUROPE. Cornell University Press (paperback).
- *% THE TAIN, T. Kinsella (tr.). Oxford University Press (paperback).
- *% BEOWULF, M. Alexander (tr.). Penguin Books (Penguin Classics/paperback).
- &% PREHISTORIC EUROPE. By T. Champion, et al. Academic Press (paperback).
- &% N.G.L. Hammond, A HISTORY OF GREECE TO 322 B.C. (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press (paperback).
- &% L. Musset, THE GERMANIC INVASIONS: THE MAKING OF EUROPE, A.D. 400-600. Pennsylvania State University Press.
- % R. Grousset, THE EMPIRE OF THE STEPPES. Rutgers University Press.
- % R. Hachmann, THE GERMANIC PEOPLE. Geneva: Nagel.
- % E.A. Thompson, THE EARLY GERMANS. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- % HAMMOND WORLD ATLAS/GEMINI EDITION
- ** HISTORY 305/ANCIENT EUROPE: SPECIAL HANDOUTS

- * required purchase available at the bookstores
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9. M. Alexander (tr.), BEOWULF. Penguin Books (Penguin Classics/paperback).

OPTIONAL TEXTBOOKS:

10. Timothy Champion et al., PREHISTORIC EUROPE. Academic Press (paperback).
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COURSE SCHEDULE, WEEKS XI-XV

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Required Reading</u>	<u>Recommended Reading</u>
	Europe re-emerges		
XI	(1) the Late Roman Empire	*%\$ G. Downey, THE LATE ROMAN EMPIRE, entire	
XII	(2) the "age of migrations" and the successor kingdoms in Europe and the western Mediterranean	*%\$ R. Hodges and D. Whitehouse, MOHAMMED, CHARLEMAGNE AND THE ORIGINS OF EUROPE, pp. 1-53, 77-122, 158-176	*%\$ R. Hodges and D. Whitehouse, MOHAMMED, CHARLEMAGNE AND THE ORIGINS OF EUROPE, entire; &%\$ L. Musset, THE GERMANIC INVASIONS, entire
	(3) the British Isles in Late Antiquity: intimations of Celtic and Germanic values		
XIII	(a) introduction to oral literature (guest lecturer: Prof. Harold Scheub)	# HISTORY 305/SPECIAL HANDOUTS, pp. 16-31	
XIV	(b) the <u>Tain</u>	*%\$ THE TAIN (tr. T. Kinsella), entire; # HISTORY 305/SPECIAL HANDOUTS, pp. 32-43	
XV	(c) <u>Beowulf</u> (guest lecturer: Prof. Richard Ringler) (d) conclusion	*%\$ BEOWULF (tr. M. Alexander), entire	

Average required reading: about 140 pages per week.

The final examination will be based on the readings and lectures of the entire course; emphasis will be placed on the readings and lectures of the last five weeks of the course. A full description of the nature and format of the examination will be available two weeks prior to the examination.

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History 305
(Course Outline cont'd)

PROCEDURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMESTER

1. Students taking the course for THREE REGULAR CREDITS will write a final examination.
2. Students taking the course for FOUR REGULAR CREDITS will write a final examination, and a final term paper (suggested maximum length: 8 to 10 pages) which is due on the day of the final examination.
3. Students participating in the Colloquium on the Germanic Successor Kingdoms will hand in a revised draft of their final term paper by the day of the final examination. The suggested maximum length of the revised draft varies with the number of credits: 3 honors or regular credits -- 10 to 15 pages; 4 honors or regular credits -- 15 to 20 pages.

COURSE SCHEDULE, WEEKS VI-X

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Required Reading</u>	<u>Recommended Reading</u>
VI-VIII	Europe Submerged:		
	(1) the Roman Empire comes to Temperate Europe; the transformation of Celtic Culture	*%\$ T. Mommsen and T.R.S. Broughton, THE PROVINCES OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE: THE EUROPEAN PROVINCES, entire	
VIII-X	(2) the early Germanic Peoples		
	(a) Julius Caesar's testimony	*%\$ Caesar, CONQUEST OF GAUL, Book VI;	
	(b) Tacitus' <u>Germania</u>	*%\$ Tacitus, AGRICOLA AND GERMANIA, pp. 9-49, 100-141;	
	(c) the archeological record-- the Bog People	%\$ R. Hachmann, THE GERMANIC PEOPLES, entire	*% P.V. Glob, THE BOG PEOPLE; %\$ E.A. Thompson, THE EARLY GERMANS
	(d) movements of the Germanic peoples in Temperate Europe, prior to the fourth century A.D.		

Average weekly reading: about 110 pages.

The eleventh-week examination will be based on readings and lectures of the second five weeks of the course. A full description of the nature and format of the examination will be available two weeks prior to the examination.

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PROCEDURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMESTER

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2. Students taking the course for FOUR REGULAR CREDITS will write an eleventh-week and a final examination, and a final term paper (suggested maximum length: 8 to 10 pages) which is due on the day of the final examination.

N.B. FOR STUDENTS TAKING THE COURSE FOR FOUR REGULAR CREDITS, THE DEADLINE FOR SELECTING TERM PAPER TOPICS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th.

3. Students participating in the Colloquium on the Germanic Successor Kingdoms will hand in the first draft of their final term paper by Tuesday, November 3rd. The instructor will hand back this draft with suggestions and criticisms, and the participants will then submit a revised draft by the day of the final examination. The suggested maximum length of the revised draft varies with the number of credits: 3 honors or regular credits -- 10 to 15 pages; 4 honors or regular credits -- 15 to 20 pages.

Life among the Celts: the Archeological Record

Celtic Cultures in Iron-Age Europe

Hallstatt C and D, 700-500 B.C. (Celts)

La Tène, 500-50 B.C. (Gauls, Galatians)

Reconstructing the Life of the Hallstatt and La Tène Celts

the Museum of Early History, Asparn an der Zaya, near Vienna

fortified villages of the La Tène Celts

two oppida (pl.; sg. oppidum): Hambledon Hill and
Maiden Castle

the muris Gallicus

The Leadership of the Hallstatt and La Tène Celts

Druids

warriors -- the warrior ethic

the Hochdorf chieftain's grave

Celtic Religion

deities: Lug, Epona

the great shrine at Roquepertuse, France

the Gundestrup Cauldron

the veneration of severed heads

THE GUNDESTRUP CAULDRON AND TÁIN BÓ CUAILNGE

G. Olmsted, "The Gundestrup Version of Táin Bó Cuailnge," ANTIQUITY, L (1976), 95-103.

The Gundestrup Cauldron

the divine figures on the outer plates

the scenes on the inner plates

Some possible correspondences adduced by Olmsted

THE GUNDESTRUP CAULDRON'S
INTERIOR PLATESTHE TAIN

the goddess borne on a wagon

Medb the chariot rider

the horned figure with ser-
pent and torq, amidst
beasts

Cúchulainn, lord of the
animals

deity (cf. exterior plates)
with arms aloft, and
helmeted figure holding
broken wheel

Cúchulainn wields chariot
wheel against
Fergus mac Roich

large figure dipping small
figure into cauldron;
horsemen galloping above
fallen tree; soldiers and
hornblowers marching

Cúchulainn fights and
drowns Fraech mac Fidaig

figures slaying beasts; the
bull lying down in the
Gundestrup Cauldron's
inner center

the deaths of Finnbennach
Ai and Donn Cuailnge

Some supports of and objections to Olmsted's case

Druids as keepers of oral tradition

the wholly Irish topography of the surviving Táin

the unexplained outer plates of the Gundestrup Cauldron

some alternative renditions of inner plates of the Gundestrup Cauldron

THE STEPPE OF WESTERN EURASIA IN THE FIRST
MILLENNIUM B.C.

Introduction: the modern steppe

some features of modern steppe life

Bactrian camel winter quarters vs. spring-summer-fall
migrations

yurt sport in Afghanistan: buzkashi

the recent past: S. H. Dudin among the Kazakhs, 1899

the nomadic diet -- the pleasures of kumiss

Nomads of western Eurasia in the first millennium B.C.

some general features: cavalry, the compound bow, and the
"Parthian shot"

the Scythian way of life

the Oxus Treasure

the barrows of Pazyryk, in the Altai Mountains

the Scythians of the Ukraine, esp. the Crimea

the Greek presence: e.g. Panticapaeum

the Scythian barrows of the Ukraine/Crimea: the
treasures of the Hermitage in Leningrad

Thrace: the limits of Scythian influence

AN INTRODUCTION TO EUROPE

Read & %\$PREHISTORIC EUROPE (by T. Champion, et.al.), pp. 9-15. Then, using %\$HAMMOND WORLD ATLAS/GEMINI EDITION, map pages 6-54, locate the geographical features listed below. You may want to record the features listed below on an outline map -- this is optional. Outline maps of Europe are available for purchase on the first floor of the University Book Store. The headings listed below are the same as the headings in the Hammond Atlas Gemini Edition.

UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND	SPAIN AND PORTUGAL	AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY
Thames River English Channel	Pyrenees Mts. Meseta Douro River	Sudeten Mts. Tatra Mts. Carpathian Mts.
NORWAY, SWEDEN, etc.	Guadalquivir River Ebro River	Danube River Elbe River
North Sea Jutland Bornholm Island Öland Island Gotland Island Baltic Sea	Gulf of Cadiz Gulf of Valencia Costa Brava Strait of Gibraltar Balearic Islands	Inn River Bohemian Forest Great Alföld Lake Balaton Brenner Pass Tirol
GERMANY	ITALY	BALKAN STATES
Oder River Elbe River Weser River Ems River Rhine River Mosel River Black Forest	Po River Tiber River Strait of Otranto Gulf of Taranto Strait of Messina Sicily Sardinia Corsica	Danube River and Delta Carpathian Mts. Transylvanian Alps Dinaric Alps Balkan Mts. Rhodope Mts. Pindus Mts. Mt. Olympus
NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, etc.	Gulf of Salerno Gulf of Venice Gulf of Genoa Bay of Naples	Macedonia Adriatic Sea Ionian Sea Aegean Sea
Ardennes Forest	Tyrrhenian Sea Adriatic Sea Ionian Sea	Bosporus Sea of Marmara Dardanelles Gulf of Corinth
FRANCE	SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	Peloponnisos (Peloponnese) Crete
Seine River Bay of the Seine Garonne River Rhône River Saône River Mt. Blanc Jura Mts. Massif Central Brittany Normandy Picardy Loire River Burgundy Auvergne Provence Bay of Biscay	Lake Geneva Lake of Neuchatel Lake of Constance Lake Maggiore Lake Como Jura Mts. Alps Bernese Oberland Great St. Bernard Pass	

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POLAND

Baltic Sea
Gulf of Gdansk
Vistula River
Oder River
Bug River
Dniester River
Sudeten Mts.
Carpathian Mts.
High Tatra Mts.

U.S.S.R.

Ural Mts.
Caucasus Mts.
Black Sea
Sea of Azov
Don River
Dnieper River
Dniester River
Crimea
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