

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 2007-2008

History 318: MEDIEVAL SOCIAL & INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, 1150-1450

Lectures: TR @ 2:30-3:45 in 1641 Humanities
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Required Reading:

John Baldwin, *The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages: 1100-1300*
Norman Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium*
Johan Huizinga, *The Waning of the Middle Ages*
John Morrall, *Political Thought in Medieval Times*
Julius Weinberg, *A Short History of Medieval Philosophy*

Recommended Reading:

Friedrich Heer, *The Medieval World*
Frederick Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, vols. II & III, pt.1
W. J. Courtenay, *Changing Approaches to Fourteenth-Century Thought*
W. J. Courtenay, *Schools and Scholars in Fourteenth-Century England* (out of print)
W. A. Pantin, *The English Church in the Fourteenth Century*

All undergraduates should be taking the course for 4 credits, graduate students for 3 credits. Grading will be based on the sixth-week exam, a tenth-week exam or paper, and a final exam. For those choosing a paper in place of the second exam, the length of paper will vary with subject and analysis, but it should be in the range of 8-15pp. Paper topics should be selected by the student and approved by the instructor or teaching assistant by or before September 25. They should be handed in no later than November 8, the date of the second exam.

LECTURES AND READINGS:

A. Religious Renewal and the Quest for Order: 1150-1270

Readings: Baldwin; Cohn, chs. 1-5; Weinberg, chs. 4-5; Morrall, chs. 4-5
Recommended: Heer, chs. 1-9; Copleston, vol. II, ch. 18

Sept. 4: Course Introduction; Urban Life and Lay Society in 12th & 13th Centuries
Sept. 6: Lay Piety and the Evangelical Awakening

Sept. 11: Religious Dissent and Social Change
Sept. 13: The Church's Response: Reform, Control, Repression

Sept. 18: From Romanesque to Gothic (L. Courtenay)
Sept. 20: Gothic Architecture, Cathedral and Monastic (L. Courtenay)

Sept. 25: The Rise of Universities: Bologna, Paris, and Oxford
Sept. 27: The Rise of Scholasticism in 12th and 13th Centuries

B. The Impact of Aristotle on Medieval Thought: 1150-1270

Readings: Weinberg, chs. 6-9; Morrall, ch.6
Recommended: Copleston, vol. II, chs. 19-41, 43
F. Heer, *The Medieval World*, chs. 10-12

Oct. 2: Greek Philosophy and Religious Revelation in Arabic and Jewish Thought
Oct. 4: Recovery of Aristotle in the West

Oct. 9: Christianization of Aristotle
Oct. 11: FIRST EXAMINATION

Oct. 16: The Aristotelian Universe & the Expansion of Natural Philosophy
Oct. 18: Empiricism and Aristotelian Epistemology

Oct. 23: Apologetic and "Scientific" Theology: Aquinas & Lull
Oct. 25: Human Nature, Grace, and Salvation in Bonaventure, Aquinas, and Scotus

Oct. 30: Law, Society, and Ethics in the 13th Century

C. The Augustinian Reaction: 1270-1350

Readings: Weinberg, chs. 10-12; Morrall, chs. 7-8
Recommended: Copleston, II, chs. 42-50; III, chs. 1-11

Nov. 1: Latin Averroism and the Condemnation of 1277

Nov. 6: Augustinian Reaction in Political Thought
Nov. 8: SECOND EXAMINATION

Nov. 13: Language and Science in the 14th Century
Nov. 15: William of Ockham

Nov. 20: Oxford and Paris in the Later 14th Century
Nov. 22: Thanksgiving break, no lecture

D. Social Protest and Religious Change: 1350-1450

Readings: Huizinga; Cohn, chs. 6-12

Recommended: Copleston, III, ch.12; Pantin

F. Heer, *The Medieval World*, chs. 13-15

Nov. 27: Economy and Society, 1270-1450

Nov. 29: Peasant and Urban Unrest

Dec. 4: Wyclif and Hus

Dec. 6: Aristocratic Society in the Late Middle Ages

Dec. 11: The Art of Dying

Dec. 13: Mysticism and The Transformation of Religious Life

FINAL EXAM: Friday, Dec. 21, 7:25 pm