

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON
Semester I: 2005-06

MEDIEVAL MONASTICISM

History 366
Medieval Studies 366
Religious Studies 366
11-12:15 TR, 1651 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 Nov. 30, 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)

Sep. 6: Course Introduction

Sep. 8: Institutional and Religious Background

Sep. 13: The Egyptian Desert and the Origins of Monasticism

Sep. 15: Trier, Rome, & Bethlehem: Marcella, Jerome & Paula

Sep. 20: Monasticism in the West II: Augustine and Cassian

Sep. 22: Early Monastic Rules: Pachomius, Basil, and Augustine

Sep. 27: Training of the Desert I (Dick Ringler)

Sep. 29: Training of the Desert II (Dick Ringler)

Oct. 4: Lerins and the Abbatial Bishop

Oct. 6: St. Benedict and Cassiodorus

Oct. 11: Rule of St. Benedict

Oct. 13: Celtic Monasticism in Ireland

Oct. 18: Irish Monasticism in England and on the Continent

Oct. 20: **Mid-term Examination**

Oct. 25: Feudalization of Monasticism: the Aristocracy

Oct. 27: Carolingian Monasticism: Royal Abbeys

Nov. 1: Monastic Education

Nov. 3: Cluny; Canons and the Common Life

Nov. 8: Monastic Architecture, Plain Chant, and the Birth of Polyphony

Nov. 10: Italian Reform Movements in the 11th century

Nov. 15: La Grande Chartreuse and le Bec Hellouin

Nov. 17: The Cistercians

Nov. 22: Women in the Monastic Life, 700-1200

Nov. 29: Canons from 9th to 12th centuries

Dec. 1: The Franciscans

Dec. 6: Dominicans, Augustinian Hermits, and Carmelites

Dec. 8: Monasticism and University Education

Dec. 13: Beguines and the Devotio Moderna

Dec. 15: Monastic Reform and Urbanism

Dec. 20: **Final Examination** (12:25)