

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

History, Medieval Studies, & Religious Studies 312: THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH
12:05 MWF in 1651 Humanities

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REQUIRED READING:

J. Lynch, *The Medieval Church* (Longman)
C. H. Lawrence, *Medieval Monasticism* (Longman)
P. Brown, *The Cult of the Saints* (Chicago)

RECOMMENDED READING:

H. Chadwick, *The Early Church* (Penguin)
R. W. Southern, *Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages* (Penguin)
G. Barraclough, *The Medieval Papacy* (Harcourt-Brace)
B. Tierney, *The Crisis of Church & State* (Prentice-Hall)
W. A. Pantin, *The English Church in the Fourteenth Century* (Toronto)

Undergraduates should enroll for four credits and will be expected to attend lectures and a weekly discussion section. There will be occasional quizzes in section (announced in advance) in addition to the mid-term and final examinations. A short paper (10-15 pp.) will be required for students taking the course for honors and can be done as an extra-credit option by others. In both cases those papers are due on Monday, Nov. 29.

LECTURES:

Sep. 3: Course Introduction

A. Background: The Early Church

Sep. 8: Early Structure and its Constantinian Transformation
Sep. 10: Learning, Writing, and the "Fathers"
Sep. 13: Secular Clergy: Bishops, Priests, and the Rise of the Papacy
Sep. 15: Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Penance
Sep. 17: Early Development of Monasticism
Sep. 20: Church Architecture: House Church to Basilicas
Sep. 22: The Greek and Latin Fathers
Sep. 24: Heresy and Schism; Doctrinal Controversies
Sep. 27: Conversion and Mission Activity
Sep. 29: Saints and their Cults
Oct. 1: Women in the Early Church, A.D. 70-800

B. The Church in the Early Middle Ages

- Oct. 4: Church and the Aristocracy
- Oct. 6: Merovingian monasticism
- Oct. 8: Emergence of Urban and Rural Parishes
- Oct. 11: Charlemagne and Reichskirche
- Oct. 13: Monastic Reform under Charlemagne and Louis the Pious
- Oct. 15: Chrodegang and Communalization of Cathedral Clergy
- Oct. 18: Church Architecture: Carolingian to Romanesque
- Oct. 20: Papal Monarchy and the Investiture Controversy
- Oct. 22: Monastic Reform: Cluny to Bec
- Oct. 25: The Anglo-Norman Church (Sartore)
- Oct. 27: Midterm Examination

C. The Church in the High Middle Ages:

- Oct. 29: Canon law and Ecclesiastical Courts (Shoemaker)
- Nov. 1: The Cistercian Reform Movement
- Nov. 3: The Crusades
- Nov. 5: The Evangelical Awakening
- Nov. 8: St. Francis and the Franciscans
- Nov. 10: Dominicans and other Mendicant Orders
- Nov. 12: Heresy and Inquisition
- Nov. 15: Innocent III and the Papacy in the 12th and 13th Centuries
- Nov. 17: Church Architecture: Cathedrals, Monasteries, and Parish Churches
- Nov. 19: Sacraments, the Penitential System, and Indulgences
- Nov. 22: University Theology and the Interpretation of Scripture
- Nov. 24: No lecture
- Thanksgiving break

D. The Late Medieval Church

- Nov. 29: Boniface VIII and Philip the Fair; The Avignon Papacy
- Dec. 1: John XXII and the Spiritual Franciscans
- Dec. 3: Papal Provisions: Benefices, Canonical Prebends, & Dignities
- Dec. 6: Education and the Church
- Dec. 8: Mysticism and Women in the Religious Life
- Dec. 10: The Papal Schism and the Conciliar Movement
- Dec. 13: Wyclif, Lollardy, and the Hussite Movement
- Dec. 15: On the Eve of the Protestant Reformation
- Dec. 16, 7:25pm: Final Examination