

HISTORY 4560: Topics in Middle Eastern History: The Crusades

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Course Description:

The First Crusade was a turning point in medieval European history and had important consequences for the Islamic and Byzantine worlds as well. We will examine the First Crusade in detail before moving on to discuss the Muslim and Byzantine responses to the Crusades, the expansion of crusading to other theaters, and the eventual collapse of the Crusader States in the thirteenth century. We will address such topics as: Who were the Crusaders? Why did people volunteer to go on a crusade? How did the idea of crusading change over time? Why did the Crusader states eventually collapse? We will also briefly consider the ways in which the Crusades have been interpreted by historians and lay people in modern times.

Requirements:

Attendance and participation in class discussions: 20%

Four 5 page papers: 20% each

Grading and Policies:

- 1) Attendance is mandatory. You are expected to have completed the day's reading before class and to be prepared to participate in class discussion. Asking questions is considered a form of participation, provided you have prepared for class. Failing to attend class on a regular basis can result in your being dropped from the class.
- 2) No extensions will be granted for work due without documentation of a medical emergency. Late work will be graded down. No make-up exams will be granted without documentation of a medical emergency.
- 4) Academic Integrity:

All work done in this class must meet the standards of the "Culture of Academic Honesty." You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with these standards. For a full statement of the University's policies with regard to academic honesty, see <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated.

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Texts:

S. J. Allen and Emilie Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader* (Ontario, 2003).
 Usama ibn Munqidh, *The Book of Contemplation: Islam and the Crusades* (London, 2008)
 Joinville and Villehardouin, *Chronicles of the Crusades* (New York, 1963)
 Thomas F. Madden, *The New Concise History of the Crusades* (Oxford, 2005).
 Norman Housely, *Contesting the Crusades* (Oxford, 2006)
 Edward Peters, *The First Crusade* (Philadelphia, 1998)
 Francesco Gabrieli, *Arab Historians of the Crusades* (London, 1969)

Assignments:

Aug. 18: **Course Introduction**

Aug. 20: **Europe in the Eleventh Century**

Allen and Amt, 1, 2, 6, 8, 9

Aug. 25: **Byzantium and the Middle East in the Eleventh Century**

Allen and Amt, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11

Preaching the First Crusade

Aug. 27: **The Genesis of an Idea**

Madden, ch. 1.

Peters, I:1-4

Sept. 1: **Reception**

Housely, ch. 1& 2

Peters I: 5-12

The Events of the First Crusade

Sept. 3: **To Anatolia**

Madden, ch. 2.

Peters IV, V, VI

Sept. 8: **The Siege of Antioch**

Peters, VII

Gabrieli, pp. 3-7

Sept. 10: The Fall of Jerusalem

Peters, VIII

Gabrieli, pp. 10-12

Sept. 15: The Crusades and the West

Peters, IX

**Sept. 17: Discussion of *The Chronicle of Fulcher of Chartres, Book I*
Paper Due****Sept. 22: The Popular Crusade and Persecution of the Jews**

Peters, III:1-7

Sept. 24: The Crusaders and their Neighbors

Allen and Amt, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31

Sept. 29: The Revival of Jihad

Gabrieli, pp. 41-72

Oct. 1: The Second Crusade

Madden, ch. 3.

Allen and Amt, 33-38

Oct. 6: Who Were the Crusaders and What Were Their Motives?

Housely, ch. 4

Allen and Amt, 48, 49, 51, 52

Oct. 8: The Third Crusade

Madden, ch. 4

Allen and Amt, 40-44

Oct. 13: Saladin and his Victory

Gabrieli, pp. 87-113, 139-175

Oct. 15: Discussion of Usama ibn Munqidh**Paper Due****Oct. 20: Crusade and Reconquista**

Housely, ch. 5

Allen and Amt, 74, 75, 77-80

Oct. 22: Theorizing Crusading in the Thirteenth Century

Housely, 48

Allen and Amt, 56-63

Oct. 27: **The Fourth Crusade**

Madden, ch. 5

Oct. 29: **Crusaders and Ayyubids**

Madden, ch. 7

Gabrieli, pp. 255-283

Nov. 3: Discussion of Villehardouin

Paper Due

Nov. 5: **Crusades in Europe**

Madden, ch. 6.

Allen and Amt, 64-70

Nov. 10: **The Seventh Crusade**

Madden, ch. 8

Gabrieli, pp. 284-304

Nov. 12: **Crusaders, Mongols and Mamluks**

Allen and Amt, 86, 88-92, 95-97

Gabrieli, pp. 307-319, 326-331, 344-350

Nov. 17: **Later Crusades**

Madden, ch. 9

Housely, ch. 6

Nov. 19: Discussion of Joinville.

Paper Due

Dec. 1: **The Legacy of the Crusades (I)**

Housely, ch. 7

Dec. 3: **The Legacy of the Crusades (II)**

Madden, ch. 10.