

HISTORY 4990: Crusade and Jihad: Holy War in the Middle Ages

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Class Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00-3:15

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Description:

This course fulfills the requirements for a senior seminar in history. The focus of our discussions and of your research papers will be the idea of holy war in the Middle Ages. We will specifically focus on the concepts of Crusade and Jihad in their historical contexts and in a comparative manner. We will begin with a general overview of the history the Crusades period before you move on to choose a topic for in-depth research. You will choose a topic, construct a bibliography of relevant works, and write two drafts of the paper. You will also give a presentation in class about your research and field questions from your colleagues about your work. Although our discussions will focus on the medieval period, it will be possible to work on related topics from other periods. No prior knowledge is assumed.

Requirements:

Grades will be based on the following criteria:

Attendance and participation in class discussions: 10%

Statement of Paper Topic: 10%

Annotated Bibliography: 20%

Presentation (10-15 minutes): 20%

Final paper (20 pages): 40%

Grade Scale:

A 93-100

A- 90-92

B+ 87-89

B 83-86

B- 80-82

C+ 77-79

C 73-76

C- 70-72

D 60-69

F 0-59

Work must be turned in on the date it is due. Late submissions will be graded down.

Requirements for a senior seminar paper:

- 1) You must use primary source material appropriate to your topic. This material may be consulted in translation.
- 2) You must have the instructor's approval for your topic. You are strongly encouraged to meet with the instructor during office hours or by appointment to discuss your topic and on-going research.
- 3) You must give a presentation at the end of the semester about your research.
- 4) In addition to your paper, you must include an annotated bibliography or bibliographical essay. This will be a revised version of your bibliography that you turn in once your topic is approved.
- 5) Your paper must conform to the style requirements set forth in Turabian's *A Manual of Style for Writers*.
- 6) You must submit two copies of your paper (including all related materials – bibliography, etc.). One copy will be kept on file in the History Department.
- 7) Dual submissions are forbidden.

Statement on Academic Honesty:

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Each student is responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

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

Texts:

Carole Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1999.

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: a History*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.

Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

Class Schedule and Reading Assignments:

August 16: Class Introduction

August 21: What is a Crusade?
Riley-Smith, ch. 1

August 23: The First Crusade
Riley-Smith, ch. 2
Hillenbrand, ch. 2

August 28: Crusader Settlements in the East
Riley-Smith, ch. 3-4

August 30: The Development of Crusading
Riley-Smith, ch. 5-6

September 4: What is a Jihad?
Hillenbrand, ch. 3

September 6: The Development of Jihad
Hillenbrand, ch. 4

September 11: Latins in the East
Riley-Smith, ch. 7-8

September 13: Muslim Views of Europeans
Hillenbrand, ch. 5

September 18: Muslim-Crusader Interactions
Hillenbrand, ch. 6

September 20: Military History
Hillenbrand, ch., 7

Paper Topics due.

September 25: Late Medieval Crusading
Riley-Smith, ch. 9

September 27:
Riley-Smith, ch. 10-11
Hillenbrand, ch. 9

Class will not meet until November 13.

October 9: **Bibliographies due.**

November 13: Student Presentations
First Draft of paper due.

November 15: Student Presentations

November 27: Student Presentations

November 29: Student Presentations

December 6: Student Presentations

December 10: Final papers are due.