

The Medieval World: An Interdisciplinary Introduction

Humanities 511 A, B, C, and D (Spring 2008)

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:40 - 11:00 in PCAC A218

Sections: on alternate Thursdays 9:40 - 11:00 in various rooms

All students must enroll in one of the four sections and attend it regularly.

Section 514A (Art History): Professor Witzling. Meets in PCAC A202 and satisfies the General Education category 6 requirement.

Section 514B (Literature): Professor Ferber. Meets in Thompson Hall Boardroom (Room 122) and satisfies Gen Ed category 8.

Section 514C (History): Professor Wolper. Meets in MUB 302 and satisfies Gen Ed category 4.

Section 514D (Philosophy): Professor Armstrong. Meets in HS 8 and satisfies Gen Ed category 7.

Half the **grade** for this course will depend on the three tests (given in the lecture room) and half will depend on the work assigned in section (e.g., papers, quizzes, regular attendance, etc., as the professor chooses).

Tues 22 Jan Introduction

Part One: Early Middle Ages in Europe

Thur 24 Jan The Bible 1: Genesis (Ferber)

Tues 29 Jan The Bible 2: Matthew (Ferber)

Thur 31 Jan Section 1

Tues 5 Feb The Imagery of Salvation: Early Christian Iconography (Witzling)

Thur 7 Feb Art in the Age of Constantine (Witzling)

Tues 12 Feb East and West: Material and Cultural Connections (Wolper)

Thur 14 Feb Section 2

Tues 19 Feb St. Augustine 1 (Armstrong)

Thur 21 Feb St. Augustine 2 (Armstrong)

Tues 26 Feb **Test 1**

Part Two: The Rise of Islam

Thur 28 Feb Introduction to the History of Islam (Wolper)

Tues 4 Mar The Koran 1 (Ferber)

Thur 6 Mar Section 3

Tues 11 Mar The Koran 2 (Ferber)

Thur 13 Mar Islamic Institutions and their Architecture (Wolper)

Spring Break

Tues 25 Mar Islamic Calligraphy (Wolper)

Thur 27 Mar Section 4

Tues 1 Apr Islamic Philosophy (Armstrong)

Thur 3 Apr Jihad and Crusade (Wolper)

Tues 8 Apr **Test 2**

Part Three: The Later Middle Ages in Europe

Thur 10 Apr Pilgrimage and Crusade in Romanesque Architecture (Witzling)

Tues 15 Apr St. Thomas Aquinas 1 (Armstrong)

Thur 17 Apr St. Thomas Aquinas 2 (Armstrong)

Tues 22 Apr The Gothic Cathedral: A Summa in Stone (Witzling)

Thur 24 Apr Section 5

Tues 29 Apr “The Word Made Flesh”: Medieval Manuscript Illumination (Witzling)

Thur 1 May Dante: *Inferno* 1 (Ferber)

Tues 6 May Dante: *Inferno* 2 (Ferber)

Thur 8 May Section 6 or general review

Tues 20 May **Test 3**