HISTORY 4440 – MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Fall Semester 2014
Location: Humanities and Social Sciences Room 3010
MW 2:00 – 4:45  Second Seven Weeks

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 4440 is a survey of the origins of European culture. It focuses on the period between the fourth and the fourteenth centuries, during which Europe achieved its own form of cultural unity distinct from that of its Mediterranean neighbors.

TEXTBOOKS


EXAMINATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A mid-term and a final exam are the only examinations. These will be a combination of short answer and essay questions. Their scheduled dates are noted on the reading assignment page. Each will count as 40% of the student’s final grade. At the discretion of the instructor, the final may be comprehensive.

The remaining 20% of the student’s grade will be based on one of the following:

A traditional research paper on some aspect of Medieval history. The topic must be cleared with the instructor. The paper should be 10-15 pages in length, typed, grammatically correct, and complete with appropriate citations of sources and a bibliography. There should be a minimum of 4 sources not counting textbooks.

Two critical book reviews on works covering some aspect of Medieval history. The titles of these books must be cleared with the instructor.

A combination of one critical book review and a short paper of 5 – 8 pages. The book to be reviewed and the paper topic must be cleared with the instructor as noted above.

Whichever option the student chooses, this work is due on 19 November. Failure to submit it on time will result in a penalty of one letter grade. Papers will not be accepted after 7 December. Proofread your paper carefully before submitting it. Failure to do so gives the impression that it was carelessly written and may adversely affect the grade assigned.

Nota Bene: Encyclopedias, including on-line encyclopedias such as Wikipedia, are not generally considered suitable sources for research papers at the university level.


Electronic Devices Policy:
Students may use laptops or other electronic devices to take notes in class or record lectures. No electronic devices are permitted during any examination.

**Academic Honesty:**
The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of high standards of academic integrity is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it.

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

Students suspected of violating the KSU statement of Academic Honesty will meet with the instructor to discuss the violation **AND** will be reported to the Department of Student Conduct according to the process outlined at the following link: [https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures](https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures)

**Cheating and Plagiarism will result in an automatic failing grade for the assignment involved and will be referred to the KSU judicial review board.**

**Examples of Plagiarism Avoidance websites:**

[http://plagiarism.org/](http://plagiarism.org/)
[http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml)
[http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html](http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html)

**ADA Compliance:**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact: Ms. Nastassia Sanabria, ADA Compliance Officer for Students 470-578-6443.
ATTENDANCE

While there is no mandatory attendance policy, students are expected to attend class regularly and participate in class discussion. Material discussed in class will be heavily emphasized on exams, and given the rapid pace of the course, regular attendance is essential if you hope to do well. Active participation will be considered in the student’s favor when final grades are determined. In borderline cases, such participation could make the difference between a lower letter grade and a higher one. Students who miss class are responsible for acquiring notes, hand-outs, and any announcements (including those posted on D2L) from fellow classmates.

OFFICE HOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Office hours will be from 1:00 – 2:00 MW and students may talk with the instructor at any time by appointment. History office phone: 770-423-6294. E-mail: hshealy@kennesaw.edu

READING ASSIGNMENTS

15 October Introduction + The Early Church – Chapters 1 and 2
20 October Germanic Kingdoms – Chapter 3
22 October Charlemagne and Carolingian Renaissance – Chapter 6
27 October Monasticism – Chapter 4
29 October Feudalism + Medieval Monarchy – Chapter 9
3 November Medieval Monarchy continued – Chapter 9

5 November Midterm Exam and Reform of the Church – Chapter 10

7 November Last day to withdraw without penalty

10 November Crusades and the Rise of Towns – Chapter 8 and 10
12 November Renaissance of Twelfth Century – Chapter 11 and 14
17 November Medieval Monarchy – Chapter 12 and 13

19 November Research Paper Due

19 November Medieval Monarchy Continued – Chapter 13

24 – 30 November Thanksgiving Holiday
5 December Medieval Women – Chapter 15

7 December Age of Adversity – Chapters 17 and 18

? December Final Exam