

**HDS 2250/REL 1437 History of Western Christianity, 1100-1500
Spring 2018**

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Course Description. This course is designed to provide a historical overview of the Church and society in western Europe from the eleventh through the fifteenth centuries. Thus, this course will investigate high and late medieval Christianity in its social and its cultural context. Narrative and theological story lines to be pursued will include medieval monasticism and other new forms of religious life; heresy and its repression; scholasticism, the university and Gothic architecture; the bid for papal monarchy; means of Christianization; saints, relics, pilgrimage and other forms of popular devotion; the decline of the late-medieval papacy and conciliarism; late-medieval heresy; Christianity and other world religions (especially Judaism and Islam); and late-medieval attempts at reform. We will also be strengthening our skills as interpreters of primary sources. Therefore, bring **printed** copies of the primary readings (most linked below) to class. Some attention will be paid to major historiographical issues. No prerequisites.

Written Requirements. The course will be graded on the basis of:

- A) 30%: brief, unannounced, in-class quizzes. These will be given *approximately* once a week throughout the semester and will cover the readings assigned for the day. Each student's lowest quiz grade will be dropped, but it is imperative to keep up with the weekly readings to maintain a good quiz average.
- B) 35%: a written "bluebook" mid-term exam on **MARCH 7, 2018.**
- C) 35%: a written "bluebook" final: date, time and location TBA by the Registrar.
(the final is not cumulative; it covers only material from the second half of the course)

Students may not substitute a paper for these written examinations. However, a student may write a paper *in addition* to the exams if desired; please consult the teaching fellow no later than **November 1, 2017** to discuss potential topics.

Classroom Etiquette. Be on time. Cell phones are to be turned off throughout the class, and should NEVER ring during sessions. Laptops **may not be used** in this class.

Arts of Ministry Credit. This course may be used to obtain almost any of the required Arts of Ministry Credits. Please note, however, that in order to receive credit for the Art, you *must do additional work, such as a sermon, a short syllabus, a short lecture, and so on*. If you wish to earn such credit, notify the Instructor early in the semester and please inform him via email of what form the work will take.

MTS Degree Goals. For those MTS students considering using an assignment from this course as part of their meta-statement requirement for this term, this course is designed to contribute to students achieving MTS degree goals numbers 1 or 2.

Texts (all but one available at Harvard Coop; all on reserve at the Andover Library). Many of the texts at the COOP will be available, used, at reduced prices. All are available, at low prices, online. Check <http://tinyurl.com/W18-HDS-2250> for correct editions.

Required

Joseph H. Lynch, *The Medieval Church: A Brief History* (Longman)
9780582772984

Brian Tierney, *The Crisis of Church and State, 1050-1300* (Toronto)
9780802067012

André Vauchez, *The Spirituality of the Medieval West. The Eighth to the Twelfth Century* (Cistercian Press)
9780879075453

Francis Oakley, *The Western Church in the Later Middle Ages* (Cornell)
9780801493478

John W. Baldwin, *The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages, 1000-1300*
9780881339420

John Arnold, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Christianity* (**available online through Hollis**) **9780199582136**

Chiara Frugoni, *A Day in a Medieval City*, translated by W. McCuaig (Chicago)
9780226266350

Recommended

Kevin Madigan, *Medieval Christianity: a New History* (Yale University Press)
9780300216776

Calendar of Themes and Assignments

*All readings should be completed **before** class on the day on which they appear.*

High-Medieval Christianity, ca. 1100-1300

Readings from
Lynch, *The Medieval
Church* (chapter:
pages)

If the student has not taken HDS 2230/Rel 1434 or its equivalent, the first ten, short chapters of Lynch OR the first eight chapters of Madigan are highly recommended.

January

22 Course Introduction

Rapid Overview, History of Christianity, ca. 150-1100

24 The Age of the Papacy

11 (entire chapter)

Tierney, *Crisis* III.4

John Arnold, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Christianity*, Chaps. 2-5

(Madigan, Chap. 8 recommended)

- 29 Twelfth-Century Monastic Life 12-13:197-212
- Vauchez, *The Spirituality of the Medieval West. The Eighth to the Twelfth Century*
- <http://www.osb.org/cist/charta.html>
- <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1150bernard-2accs.asp>
- <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1143clairvaux.asp>
- (Madigan, Chap. 9 recommended)

- 31 Candidates for Eternity: Women in Medieval Religious Life 13:212-15
- <http://monasticmatrix.usc.edu/cartularium/article.php?textId=3227&PHPS ESSID=53f6be930f9be270140df07b80a8ef75>
- <http://books.google.com/books?vid=OCLC17338894&id=7BgIAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=ancren+riwle#PPR12,M1>
- (Madigan, Chap. 9 recommended)

February

- 5 *Depravitas Haeretica: Heresy and its Suppression* 14:216-25
- <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/waldo2.html>
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- <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/comnena-bogomils.html>
- <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/cathar-gospel.html>
- <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/cathar-appara.html>
- <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/cathar-traditio.html>
- (first three sections of Madigan, Chap. 10 recommended)

- 7 Via Potestatis: Heresy and its Suppression II 14:225-end
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/gui-cathars.html>
 (final two sections of Madigan, Chap 10 recommended)
- 12 Friars I: Dominican Friars and Nuns 15:235-36
 Chiara Frugoni, *A Day in a Medieval City*
Early Dominicans: Selected Writings at Google Books (online)
 Sections I. A-B, III, IV
 (Madigan, Chap. 11 recommended)
- 14 Novus Ordo Saeclorum: Friars II: Franciscan Friars and Nuns 15:228-238
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/stfran-test.html>
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/stfran-rule.html>
<http://www.ccel.org/u/ugolino/flowers/flow.htm>
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/stfran-lives.html>
<http://www.op.org/domcentral/trad/brethren/breth02.htm>
 (Madigan, first half of Chap. 12 recommended)
- 19 **NO CLASS UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY**
- 21 Friars III: Crisis and Controversy, ca. 1250-1325
<http://www.ewtn.com/library/PAPALDOC/N3SEMIN.HTM>

<http://www.franciscan-archive.org/bullarium/qinn-e.html>

<http://www.humanities.mq.edu.au/Ockham/wadc.html>

<http://www.humanities.mq.edu.au/Ockham/wexivi.html>

<http://www.humanities.mq.edu.au/Ockham/wqn.html>

(Madigan, second half of Chap. 12 recommended)

26 Schools and Universities; Scholasticism 16

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/abelard-histcal.html>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/anselm-proslogium.html>

<http://www.newadvent.org/summa/4015.htm#article7>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1120abelard.html>

<http://www.ccel.org/a/aquinas/summa/FP/FP001.html>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/anselm.html>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/anselm-gaunilo.html>

John W. Baldwin, *The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages*

(Madigan, Chap. 13 recommended)

28 Introduction to Gothic Architecture

(review last section of Madigan, Chap. 13)

March

5 Mid-term: In Class Review with TF

7 **IN CLASS MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

SPRING RECESS NO CLASS MARCH 12, 14

19 Means of Christianization, 1050-1250

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCILS/LATERAN4.HTM>

(Madigan, Chapter 15 recommended)

21 Means of Christianization, 1050-1250 II

(Madigan, Chapter 15, con't [recommended])

Devotion: Sanctity

26 John Arnold, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Christianity*,
Chap. 13

(Madigan, Chap. 16 recommended)

28 Devotion: Relics and Pilgrimage

John Arnold, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Christianity*, Chap. 12

(Madigan, Chap. 16, con'td [recommended])

Late-Medieval Christianity, ca. 1300-1500

April

2 The Late-Medieval Papacy

Lynch 19, 20:315-23

Tierney, *Crisis*, IV. 3-4

(Madigan, Chap. 14 recommended)

- 4 Avignon and Schism 20:323
Oakley, *Later Middle Ages*, Chap. 1
(Madigan, Chap. 18, recommended)
- 9 Conciliarism 20:331-end
<http://www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCILS/CONSTANC.HTM>
<http://www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCILS/FLORENCE.HTM>
(Madigan, Chap. 18 recommended)
- 11 Jews and Christians, 1050-1450
Ram Ben-Shalom, “Medieval Jewry In Christendom “ in
[The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies](#) (online via Hollis)
(Madigan, Chap. 17 recommended)
- 16 Jews and Christians, 1050-1450 II
(Madigan, Chap. 17 [recommended])
- 18 Late-Medieval Heresy Lynch: 165-70
Oakley, *Later Middle Ages*, Chap. 4 and pp. 294-300
(Madigan, Chap. 19, recommended)
- 23 Late-Medieval Heresy II

