Syllabus – HIST 640.01
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The Crusades
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Prerequisites
ENG 214, HIST 300 and Upper Division status. Undergraduates may not take this class unless they have completed these requirements previous to enrolling in the course. No exceptions.

This course fulfills the Pro-Seminar requirement for history majors who have Europe Before 1500 as one of their three fields.

Required Books
Robert Chazan, European Jewry and the First Crusade (Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, 1996)
Jonathan Harris, Byzantium and the Crusades (London: Hambledon Continuum, 2003)
Christoph T. Maier, Preaching the Crusades (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1998)

Additional readings may be accessed through e-reserve. [Password: “Jerusalem”]

Grades
Book Review: 20%
Discussion Questions: 10%
Class Participation: 10%
Research Paper Abstract: 5%
Research Paper: 55%

Assignments
Book Review: Select one of the books that we are discussing in class and write a 3-4 page critical review of the author’s work. The review is due the day we discuss the book in class.
Discussion Questions: Ten percent of your grade will come from questions that you will provide for our class discussions. Each week, every student will be responsible for coming up with one question that we can use in the class discussion. These questions should be broad and address one or more of the topics covered by that week’s readings. You will e-mail the question by Sunday at 5:00 P.M. at the latest. Do not bother sending questions in late.
**Class Participation:** This is measured by your comments during our weekly class discussions—not so much quantity as quality. I expect everyone to show up having read the assignments and ready to speak up. If you are fatally shy or believe that you cannot make useful comments, now is the time to get over it. Do not risk your grade by not speaking up.

**Research Paper:** Every student is required to submit a research paper of 15-20 pages for undergraduates and 22-25 pages for graduate students. The research paper will be on a topic of your own choosing that relies mostly on primary sources—in other words, do not go and read a couple of books on your topic and tell me what they say. Instead, put together a group of primary sources that address your particular topic, develop a thesis/argument and create a work of original scholarship. You are required to turn in an abstract (DUE MARCH 5th) that describes your paper topic along with a brief bibliography of sources and secondary material you are thinking about using. There is more information in the class website under “Research Paper.” The Research Paper is due May 21st.

**Week 1 (Jan 29th) – Class Introduction**

**Week 2 (Feb 5th) – Prelude to Crusading**
- John Bliese, “The Just War as Concept and Motive in the Central Middle Ages” in Medievalia et Humanistica 17 (1991) 1-25
- Allen, The Crusades, # 2, 6, 8-11

**Week 3 (Feb 12th) – Early Crusading**
- Allen, The Crusades, #12-22
- Madden, The Crusades, #1 & 2

**Week 4 (Feb 19th) – Early Crusaders**
- Riley Smith, The First Crusaders
- Madden, The Crusades, # 8 & 9

**Week 5 (Feb 26th) – Crusaders and Jews**
- Robert Chazan, European Jewry and the First Crusade, 1-222

**Week 6 (Mar 5th) – The Crusader Kingdoms**
- Allen, The Crusades, # 23-32
Madden, *The Crusades, # 11 & 12*
J. Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A Short History*, pp. 50-111

**ABSTRACTS DUE**

**Week 7 (Mar 12th) – No Class**
**Individual Meetings with Instructor to Discuss Papers**

**Week 8 (Mar 19th) – Crusading in Spain**
Allan, *The Crusades*, # 74-83
Madden, *The Crusades*, #3
Elena Lourie, “A Society Organized for War” in *Past and Present 35* (1966) 54-76

**Week 9 (Mar 26th) – Crusading in the Twelfth Century and the Logistics of Crusading**
Allan, *The Crusades*, # 33-44 & 47-55
Madden, *The Crusades*, #5 & 6
J. Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, pp. 112-149

**Week 10 (Apr 2nd) – Crusade Preaching**
Maier, *Preaching the Crusades*
Allan, *The Crusades*, # 45-46

**Week 11 (Apr 9th) – Crusades against School Work**
**SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS**

**Week 12 (Apr 16th) – Crusades and Byzantium**
Allan, *The Crusades*, # 56-58
Harris, *Byzantium and the Crusades*
Week 13 (Apr 23rd) – Crusades Against Christians
  Madden, *The Crusades*, #4
  Allen, *The Crusades*, #59-60
  Pegg, *The Corruption of Angels*

Week 14 (April 30th) – Islam and the Crusades
  Maalouf, *The Crusades through Arab Eyes*

Week 15 (May 7th) – Crusading in its Maturity
  Allen, *The Crusades*, # 84-94

Week 16 (May 14th) – No Class / Finish Research Papers

Week 17 (May 21st) – RESEARCH PAPERS DUE