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**Chaminade University  
Fall 1999**

**Course:** Religion/History 322<sup>60</sup> Medieval Life and Thought

**Time:** Monday 4:45 - 8:55

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**Textbook:** Hollister, G. Warren, 1998, *Medieval Europe: A Short History*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. San Francisco: McGraw-Hill.

**Course Description:**

This course integrates the perspectives of history and religion into the study of medieval Europe (ca. 500-1500 A.D.). Religious history combines insight into the nature of religious experience and structures with a proper understanding of their political, economic, and social setting. Fulfills interdisciplinary course requirement. Cross-listed as HI 322 (RE 322). Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: One lower division course each in history and in religion, or RE 311, or permission of instructor.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, the student will be able:

- \*to give an outline of the historical development of the European Middle Ages.
- \*to give a detailed discussion about one event, movement or individual and their relationship to the history of Europe during the Middle Ages.
- \*to discuss various economic, religious, philosophical and social theories and phenomena represented in the European Middle Ages.

**Class Format:**

The course will utilize primarily lecture format, though questions and discussion are welcome. Students are required to be prepared for each class session through readings and assigned activities so that the most benefit may come from the learning experiences in class.

**Requirements and Grading:**

Mid-term Examination . . . . .	25 points
Final Examination . . . . .	25 points
Group Presentation . . . . .	25 points
Research Paper . . . . .	25 points

A standard, 10-point scale will be used in regards to final letter grades. Any assignment turned in late will be lowered in grade unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor.

**Attendance Policy:**

Unexcused absences equaling 2 weeks of the course will be reported to the Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Records office. Unexcused absence of more than one week of classes will result in a lowering of the final grade in the course.

**Course Calendar:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READING</b>
10/4	<i>Rome Becomes Christian and The Waning of the Western Empire</i>	9-41
10/18	<i>Byzantium Endures and Early Western Christendom</i>	42-74
10/25	<i>The Explosion of Islam and Carolingian Europe</i>	75-108
11/1	<i>The New Invasions and Europe Survives the Siege</i>	109-153
11/8	<i>Town, Countryside, and Economic Takeoff and Conquests and Crusades</i>	161-205 <b><u>Mid-term due</u></b>
11/15	<i>New Paths to God: Monks, Friars, and Religious Rebels</i>	206-224
11/22	<i>Worlds in Collision: Papacy and Empire</i>	225-247
11/29	<i>The Growth of the Kingdoms of England and France and Literature, Art, and Thought</i>	248-328
12/6	<i>Christianity and the State in the Late Middle Ages and Death, Disorder, and the Renaissance</i>	<b><u>Paper due</u></b> 329-379
12/13	<b><u>Final Exam</u></b>	