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**Course syllabus
HIST 322
Medieval History**

Course Day/Time/Place Tuesday, Thursday 11.00-12.20
Instructor: Dr.Lilia Castle
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Course description!

An introductory exploration of society, religious ideas, philosophy, ~~ECONOMY~~, culture, literature and other characteristic features of Medieval Europe perhaps will help students to change their mind about the “dark ages” of world history.

Classes will be supplied with video clips, music, slides, pictures, were appropriate.

Course requirements:

1/Readings: students are expected to read carefully all assigned materials; being well prepared for class discussions is important

2/Examinations: 2 exams will be administered during the term; mid-term dialogue will be written at home with or without a partner.

3/Term paper: students will prepare a 3-4-page term paper on a topic, discussed with the instructor by the middle of the semester.

4/ Students will write short pop-quizzes, creative essays and tests in the class.

<u>Grading:</u> 90-100	A	Mid-term exam-15%
80-89	B	Final exam-15%
70-79	C	Term paper- 15%
60-69	D	Quizzes, tests - 20%
		Essays-15%
		In class participation-10%
		Presentation – 10%

Course text: C. Warren Hollister, *Medieval Europe*, McGram Hill,1998
Additional reading will be provided/.

Course schedule

- Jan.18 Introduction to the course: history as a science; making the cards; going over assignments
- Jan.20 The theory of ethnogenesis; /Gumiliov/
/handouts will be provided/

- Jan.25, 27 Roman Empire; The beginning of Christianity; (ch.1)
a)Video,b) topics for presentations, c)cultural quiz
- Feb. 1,3 The Splitting of East and West. Fall of the West.
The migration of the Germanic peoples ; their life; class,
kinship,law. (Ch.2)
Presentation on Attila
- 8,10 Christian monasticism; The main ideas of Christianity.
Growth of the Christian Church.
Christian attitude toward classical culture.
- Feb. 15 Freedom and Christianity; How much
Freedom do we need? Discussion. (Handouts: *Freedom and Ideal State*
by L.Castle will be provided)
- Feb.17, 22, The Byzantine Empire /400-788/ (Ch.3)
24 **Student's presentation**
- Feb.29 Test on Byzantine Empire;
- March.2, 7 Kievan Russia; The origin of Russian State; (ch.3)
Beliefs of Slavs
Video: *Night of Ivana Cupala*
- March 9 Christianity. will be provided
Video: *Monasteries of Russia*
Students presentations
- March 14 Medieval Russian Literature; Legends, Bylina will be provided
Student's presentation
Essay 1
- March 16 Russian icons: evolution, theology and symbols; Prince Trubetskoy:
The expression of the religious idea in architecture 'Theology in color'
(lecture with slides) will be provided
- March 21 Mongolo-tatar invasion;
Andrei Rublev– video, discussion
Essay 2
- March 23 Quiz on medieval Kievan State
Student's presentation
- April 4 Carolingian Europe. (Ch.6)
Student;s presentation on Walafrid Strabo
- April-6 The Vikings: Society and Economy (Ch.7)
Test on Ch.6
- April 11 Women and the family ;the Merchant (Ch.9)
Video;Student's presentation
- April 18 The Warrior and the Knight (Ch.10)
Students'presentations
- April 20 Medieval art; Slides, music (Ch.14)

April 25 The Medieval Universities; the Scholar.
Video,slides

(Ch.14),

Essay 3

April 27 The Black Death
Student's Presentation

will be provided

May 2 The Saint

Term paper due

May 7 Students presentation.

May 9 Final exam