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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Fall Evening Semester 1998
October 8 - December 17
Barber's Point NAS

- **Course:** RE 322/HI 322 50 **Medieval Life and Thought**
- **Time:** 1730 - 2140 **Thursday**
- **Instructor:** Rev. Bob Gillchrest
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- **Text:** Medieval Europe-A Short History by C. Warren Hollister
(8th Edition)
- **Overview:** This course integrates the perspectives of history and religion into the study of medieval Europe (ca. 500-1500 AD). Religious history combines insight into the nature of religious experiences and structures with a proper understanding of their political, economic, and social settings.
- **Objectives:**
 1. To present the various phases of medieval history with clarity and precision in a way that allows for sure and certain grasp of essential historical realities
 2. To analyze the shifting historical and geographical fortunes of medieval peoples & leaders, with a view toward both their continuities and discontinuities
 3. To assist in correlation and integration of medieval history and church history with other institutions, both religious and secular
 4. To address the presence or absence of particular theo-moral concerns through the various eras and epochs of medieval social and ecclesiastical life
 5. To make study of these historical events, ideas, conditions and personalities "come alive" so as to be relevant to people living in 'modern/post-modern' times
- **Requirements:**
 1. Attend and participate in all scheduled classes for the course
 2. Completion of all reading assignments (text and handouts)
 3. Satisfactory completion of all examinations during the semester
 4. Satisfactory completion of course project paper
- **Grading:**
 1. Class attendance and participation (25%)
 2. Mid-term exam (25%)
 3. Final exam (25%)
 4. Course Project Paper (25%)

- **Scale:** 100-93 (A) 92-85(B) 84-77(C) 76-69(D) 68(F)
- **Course Paper:** A course project paper (of at least 5 pages) is due as indicated on the calendar. It should be double-spaced and either computer printed or typed on 20# bond paper. It should be properly footnoted and contain a bibliography of all sources consulted. Possible topics will be explored and distributed at the second class meeting (10/15).

Tentative Class Schedule & Text Assignments

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| 1. | 10/08 | Introduction: Antiquity to early middle ages
Ch. 1: "Rome becomes Christian" |
| 2. | 10/15 | Ch. 2: "The Waning of the Western Empire"
Ch. 4: "Early Western Christendom"
Film: "The Fall of the Roman Empire" (suggested viewing) |
| 3. | 10/22 | Ch. 3: "Byzantium Endures"
Ch. 4: "Monasticism"
Ch. 5: "The Explosion of Islam" |
| 4. | 10/29 | Ch. 6: "Carolingian Europe"
Ch. 7: "The New Invasions"
Ch. 8: "Europe Survives the Siege" |
| 5. | 11/05 | Ch. 9: "Town Countryside & Economic Takeoff"
Ch. 10: "Conquests & Crusades"
Film: "The Lion in Winter" (class viewing) |
| 6. | 11/12 | Mid-term Exam
Ch. 11: "New Paths to God"
Film: "Becket" (class viewing) |
| 7. | 11/19 | Ch. 12: "Worlds in Collision: Papacy & Empire"
Film: "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" (suggested viewing) |
| 8. | 12/03 | Ch. 13: "The Growth of the Kingdoms of England and France"
Ch. 14: "Literature, Art, and Thought"
Film: "The Name of the Rose" (suggested viewing)
Project Paper Due |
| 9. | 12/10 | Ch. 15: "Christianity & the State in the Late Middle Ages"
Ch. 16: "Death, Disorder & the Renaissance"
Film: "Joan of Arc" and/or "Henry V" |
| 10. | 12/17 | Review and overview of Medieval Life and Thought
Final Exam |

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GOAL: To present an historical overview of medieval times with a dual focus on development of both Church & State and their mutual influences. Consideration will be given to significant events, ideas, conditions and personalities that constitute the genesis of Europe & Christendom.

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Requirements:

- 1) presence and participation in all scheduled classes for this course
- 2) completion of all assignments/projects as given throughout the course
- 3) satisfactory completion of all examinations during the semester

Recommendations:

- 1) notebook for recording information during class presentations and assigned readings
- 2) research and reading of extra materials relevant to the course
- 3) attentive and participative class presence to foster learning attitude and aptitude