

**Department of History
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History 535/635: The Crusades
Fall 2014 Syllabus**

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First Crusade: Godfrey of Bouillon leading his army (13th century, BN MS Fr. 9084, f. 20v)

This class is designed as part lecture and part discussion with emphasis on the interaction between the Christian East, the Muslim World and the Christian West. We will examine primary sources (in translation) and secondary sources that render a wide spectrum of ideologies and scholarship on the crusading movement. Emphasis will be on themes of cultural transmission, warfare and colonization between competing societies from Western Europe, Byzantium and the Middle East.

Please take the time to familiarize yourselves with these valuable web resources:

Medieval sourcebook at: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html>.

Crusades : A Guide to Online Resources , Section Editor: Paul Crawford: <http://www.the-orb.net/encyclop/religion/crusades/crusade.html>

De Re Militarii: The Society for Medieval Military History, <http://deremilitari.org/>

Dumbarton Oaks Electronic Texts, particularly *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World* edited by Angeliki E. Laiou and Roy Parviz Mottahedeh at: <http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>

The University of Wisconsin Digital Collections, <http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/History> and choose “A History of the Crusades”

[If you do not already have a copy of Turabian please make note of the most recent edition:
A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, Seventh Edition: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing)
by Kate L. Turabian, Wayne G. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams (Paperback – March 28, 2013)]



Crusaders fighting the Turks

Schedule

August 27 Introduction and Concepts: The eastern Mediterranean before the 1st Crusade. Holy War in the East and West.

*Suggested Readings: Roy Parviz Mottahedeh and Ridwan al-Sayyid “The Idea of the Jihad in Islam before the Crusades”, George T.Dennis “Defenders of the Christian People: Holy War in Byzantium” (both in <http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>)

September 2 Last Day to Add Classes

September 3 Understanding the Crusader movement.

Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades*, 1-23 and 75-98.

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 1-25 [3rd ed: 1-43]

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 1-34.

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, 1-11 and Chapter 2, 50-68

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 1 and 5, 9-26 and 107-130 and

Historiography of the Crusades

Giles Constable, “Historiography of the Crusades”, in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*, in

<http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>

September 10 1st Crusade

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 26-49 [3rd ed: 47-70]

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapter 3, 69-95.

Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades*, 24-47.
Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 37-79.
Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 7, 161-188.

****Optional reading:**

Chronicle of Rabbi Eliezer bar Nathan

http://www.wwnorton.com/college/english/nael/middleages/topic_3/nathan.htm.

Medieval Sourcebook: *Urban II (1088-1099): Speech at Council of Clermont, 1095, Five versions of the Speech* <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/urban2-5vers.html>

The Alexiad of Anna Comnena, Book XI, The First Crusade (1097-1104) in

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/AnnaComnena-Alexiad11.html> .

Medieval Sourcebook: The Crusaders at Constantinople:

Collected Accounts in <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/cde-atcp.html>

Medieval Sourcebook: The Siege and Capture of Jerusalem:

Collected Accounts in <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/cde-jlem.html>.

September 16 Last Day to Drop with a 33% Tuition Penalty

September 17 The Military Orders.

Topics for Final papers due.

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 50-110 [3rd ed: 71-133]

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 8, 189-215.

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 179-217.

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapter 10, 233-251

Helen Nicholson, *Knights of Christ? The Templars, Hospitallers and other military orders in the eyes of their contemporaries, 1128-1291*,

in: <http://www.the-orb.net/encycllop/religion/monastic/knights.html>

Medieval Sourcebook: William of Tyre: The Foundation of the Order of Knights

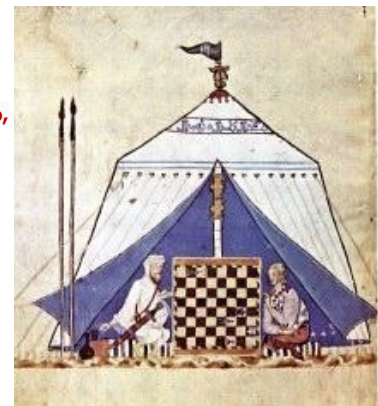
Templar in: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/tyre-templars.html>.

Military Orders :The Primitive Rule of the Templars (ORB): http://www.the-orb.net/encycllop/religion/monastic/t_rule.html.

Military Orders : In Praise of the New Knighthood (Liber ad milites Templi: De laude novae militiae) St. Bernard of Clairvaux trans. Conrad Greenia (ORB):

<http://www.the-orb.net/encycllop/religion/monastic/bernard.html>

Christian and Muslim playing chess in al-Andalus, from The Book of Games of Alfonso X, el Sabio, c. 1285. The game of chess originated in India, but was transmitted to Europe by the Islamic world.



September 24 Kingdom of Jerusalem: Cultural Interactions

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 5, 107-130 and Chapter

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapters 5-7, 125-196

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 81-124

Medieval Sourcebook: *Fulcher of Chartres: The Latins in the East* (Chronicle, Bk III), in <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/fulk3.html>.

Joshua Prawer, "Social Classes in the Crusader States: 'The Minorities'", 59-115 in Zacour, N. P.; Hazard, H. W., Editor, *The impact of the Crusades on the Near East* (A History of the Crusades, volume, V) in:

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/History.CrusFive>.

September 26 Final Drop Deadline

October 1 Cultural Exchange: The architectural evidence

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 9, 216-228.

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapter 4, 99-124

Oleg Grabar, "The Crusades and The Development of Islamic Art", in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*, in

<http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>

T.S.R. Boase, "Military Architecture in the Crusader States in Palestine and Syria", 140-164, in H.W.Hazard, Editor, *The art and architecture of the crusader states* (A History of the Crusades, volume, IV) in:

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/History.CrusFour>.

October 8 2nd Crusade

Bibliographic Essay Due

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 112-136 [3rd ed: 137-162]

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 2, 27-54.

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 125-147.

Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades*, 48-74.

Pope Eugenius, *Call for Second Crusade*:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/eugene3-2cde.html>

Saint Bernard, *Apologia on the Second Crusade*:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/bernard-apol.html>

October 15 3rd Crusade

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 137-146 [3rd ed: 163-175]

Housley, 48-64.

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 10, 229-257.

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapter 8, 197-214

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 148-178.

Medieval Sourcebook: *Ernoul: The Battle of Hattin, 1187*:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1187ernoul.html>

William J. Hamblin, "Muslim Perspectives on the Military Orders During the Crusades":

<https://ojs.lib.byu.edu/spc/index.php/BYUStudies/article/viewFile/6823/6472>

*Additional Suggested Reading:

Angeliki E.Laiou, with an Appendix by Cécile Morrisson, "Byzantine Trade with Christians and Muslims and the Crusades" in

The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim

World: <http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>

October 22 Literary Outlooks and Cultural Perceptions

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 6, 131-160.

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 179-218.

Elizabeth Jeffreys and Michael Jeffreys, "The 'Wild Beast from the West': Immediate Literary Reactions in Byzantium to the Second Crusade"

M.C.Lyons, "The Land of War: Europe in the Arab Hero Cycles"

Robert W.Thomson, "The Crusaders through Armenian Eyes"

All found in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim*

World: <http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>.

Medieval Sourcebook: A Christian/Moslem Debate of the 12th Century in <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/christ-muslim-debate.html>.

The Medieval Sourcebook: *Usamah Ibn Munqidh (1095-1188): Autobiography*: Excerpts on the Franks, c.1175 CE, in

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/usamah2.html>

October 29 4th Crusade

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 147-149 [3rd ed: 175-186]

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 219-240.

Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 3, 55-82.

Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapter 9, 215-232

Medieval Sourcebook: The Fourth Crusade 1204:

Collected Sources in: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/4cde.html>.

Medieval Sourcebook: Pope Innocent III: *Reprimand of Papal Legate* at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1204innocent.html>.

Edgar H. McNeal and Robert Lee Wolf, "The Fourth Crusade", 153-186, in Wolff, R. L.; Hazard, H. W. (ed.) / *The later Crusades, 1189-1311*,

in <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/History.CrusTwo>.

November 5 Crusades in Europe – The Albigenian Crusade, The Children's Crusade

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 161-175 [3rd ed: 188-201]

Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 241-255.

Wolff, R. L.; Hazard, H. W. (ed.) "The Albigensian Crusade."
<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=article&did=History.CrusTwo.i0022&id=History.CrusTwo&isize=>
"The Siege of Termes (1210) from The Song of the Cathar Wars" and "The Siege of Termes (1210), according to the *Historia Albigensis* by Pierre des Vaux-de-Cernay":<http://www.catharcastles.info/termes.php?key=termes#canzo>
Norman P. Zacour "The Children's Crusade." <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/Historyidx?type=article&did=History.CrusTwo.i0023&id=History.CrusTwo&isize=M>

November 12 Fifth/Sixth Crusades

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 176-189 [3rd ed: 202-216]
Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 256- 296.
Wolff, R. L.; Hazard, H. W. (ed.) "The Fifth Crusade"
<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=turn&entity=History.CrusTwo.p0404&id=History.CrusTwo&isize=M>
Thomas C. Van Cleve "The Crusade of Frederick II."
<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=goto&id=History.CrusTwo&isize=M&submit=Go+to+page&page=429>.
Guy, A Knight: *Letter from the Sixth Crusade, 1249*:
<http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/1249sixthcde-let.asp>

November 19 The Crusades of St. Louis

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 189-194, 207-213 [3rd ed: 216-223, 234-241]
Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 341-384.
Joseph R. Strayer "The Crusades of Louis IX.":
<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/Historyidx?type=goto&id=History.CrusTwo&isize=M&submit=Go+to+page&page=487>
Al-Makrisi: Account of the Crusade of St. Louis:
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/makrisi.asp>

November 26 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3 Decline of the Crusading Movement.

Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades*, 122-166.
Paul and Yeager, *Remembering the Crusades*, Chapter 11, 252-269
Jonathan Riley-Smith, 282-309 [3rd ed: 317-344]
Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 385-422.
Throop, Palmer A. "[Criticism of Papal Crusade Policy in Old French and Provençal.](#)" *Speculum*, Vol. 13, No. 4. (Oct., 1938), pp 379–412. [JSTOR]

December 10 Final Papers Due

Assigned Books

The Crusades: A Reader, S.J. Allen and Emilie Amt, eds.
ISBN13: 978-1442600027, Paperback, 2008
Toronto: University of Toronto Press

Contesting the Crusades, Norman Housley
ISBN 1405111895, Paperback, 2006
Malden, MA; Oxford: Blackwell

The Crusades and The Near East: Cultural Histories, Conor Kostick, ed.
ISBN13: 978-0-415-58041-0, Paperback, 2011
New York: Routledge

Remembering the Crusades: Myth, Image and Identity, Nicholas Paul and Suzanne Yeager, eds.
ISBN13: 978-1-4214-0425-7, Hardback, 2012
Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press

The Crusades: A History, Second Edition, Jonathan Riley-Smith
ISBN 978-0-300-10128-7, Paperback, 1987, 2005
New Haven: Yale University Press

**[*The Crusades: A History*, Third Edition, Jonathan Riley-Smith
ISBN 978-1-4725-1351-9, Paperback, 2014
London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic]**

Assignments and Grades

1. **Participation in class discussion counts for 20% of the grade. Students are expected to arrive in class having prepared the assigned readings and ready for discussion.**
2. Bibliographic essay – Each student must prepare a 4-5 page bibliographic essay on the topic of his/her final paper. This essay must be turned in on October 8 [20% of your final grade]. It must identify the topic of the final essay and the scholarship that is relevant to the discussion in the form of an annotated bibliography.
3. Oral Presentations – Each student must present one oral presentation based on themes from class meetings during the semester. Class presentations must be done individually should include visual and/or auditory materials. Each presentation should not exceed 15-20 minutes and should expand discussion on themes presented by the instructor during the initial portion of the class meeting that week. Each student will turn in the subsequent week a 5-7 page research essay highlighting the main points of the presentation. Topics will be discussed at the first class meeting.
[The paper and presentation will each count for 15% of your grade – a total of 30%]

4. The Final paper will be a research essay due no later than December 10 at the class meeting. The papers should be approximately 12-15 pages in length, double spaced, with footnotes/endnotes and bibliography. [30% of your total grade]. **Class participation constitutes a significant part of your grade. If you cannot attend class you must notify the instructor in advance, if possible, and make every effort to keep up with the work of each week's reading assignments.**