

**Department of History
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History 535/635: The Crusades
Spring 2012 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>

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://www.doaks.org/publications/doaks_online_publications/CRcnts.html

The University of Wisconsin Digital Collections, <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/History/>.

Internet Resources for Medieval History: <http://www.stanford.edu/~hinde/medieval>

[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 - April 15, 2007)]



Crusaders fighting the Turks

Schedule

January 25 **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://www.doaks.org/publications/doaks_online_publications/CRcnts.html), Carole Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, 89-103 and Christopher Tyerman, *Fighting for Christendom*, 95-124.

February 1 **Understanding the Crusader movement.**

Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades*, 1-23 and 75-98.
Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 1-25.
Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 1-34.
Carole Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, 1-14.
Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 1 and 5, 9-26 and 107-130.

Historiography of the Crusades

Giles Constable, “Historiography of the Crusades”, in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*, in http://www.doaks.org/publications/doaks_online_publications/CRcnts.html

February 8 **1st Crusade**

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 26-49
Carole Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, 31-73.
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.

*Additional Suggested reading:

Andrew Holt, *Jewish Persecution During the Crusades* in <http://www.crusades-encyclopedia.com/jewishpersecution.html>

Chronicle of Rabbi Eliezer bar Nathan

http://www.wnorton.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>.

February 15 **Kingdom of Jerusalem: Government and Economy. The Military Orders.**

Topics for Final papers due.

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 50-110.

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

Hillenbrand, 257-328, 431-510.

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

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/encyclop/religion/monastic/knights.html>

Medieval Sourcebook: William of Tyre:

Godfrey Of Bouillon Becomes Defender Of The Holy Sepulcher, in

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/tyre-godfrey.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/encyclop/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/encyclop/religion/monastic/bernard.html>

*Additional Suggested Reading:

Olivia Remy Constable, “*Funduq, Fondako and Khān in the Wake of Christian Commerce and Crusade*” in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*: <http://www.doaks.org/CRents.html>

Christian and Muslim playing chess in al-Sabio, c. 1285. The game of chess originated Islamic world.



Andalus, from *The Book of Games of Alfonso X*, el in India, but was transmitted to Europe by the

- February 22 **Kingdom of Jerusalem: Cultures/ Interaction**
 Hillenbrand, 329-430.
 Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 9, 216-228.
 Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 125-178.
 Medieval Sourcebook: *Fulcher of Chartres: The Latins in the East* (Chronicle, Bk III), in <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/fulk3.html>.
 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>.
 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>.
- February 29 **2nd Crusade**
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 112-136.
 Hillenbrand, 89-170.
 Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 10, 229-257.
 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>
- March 7 **3rd Crusade**
Bibliographic Essay Due
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 137-146.
 Hillenbrand, 171-194, 511-588.
 Housley, 48-64.
 Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 8, 189-215.
 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://www.doaks.org/publications/doaks_online_publications/CRcnts.html
- March 14 **Spring Break – No Class**

- March 21 **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 in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*:
http://www.doaks.org/publications/doaks_online_publications/CRcnts.html.
 Medieval Sourcebook: A Christian/Moslem Debate of the 12th Century in
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/christ-muslim-debate.html>.
 The Medieval Sourcebook: *Usmah Ibn Munqidh (1095-1188): Autobiography*:
 Excerpts on the Franks, c.1175 CE, in
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/usamah2.html>
- March 28 **4th Crusade**
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 147-149.
 Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader*, 219-240.
 Kostick, *The Crusades and the Near East*, Chapter 3, 55-82.
 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>.
- April 4 **Crusades in Europe – The Albigensian Crusade, The Children's Crusade**
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 161-175.
 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>
- April 11 **Fifth/Sixth Crusades**
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 176-186.
 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>

April 18 **The Crusades of St. Louis**
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 189-194, 207-213.
 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>

April 25 **Decline of the Crusading Movement.**
 Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades*, 122-166.
 Hillenbrand, 589-616.
 Jonathan Riley-Smith, 282-309.
 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]

May 2 **Presentations on final papers.**

May 9 **Turn in Final Papers.**

Assigned Books

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

The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives, Carole Hillenbrand
 ISBN 0415929148, Paperback, 2000, New York: Routledge

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

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

Assignments and Grades

1. Participation in class discussion counts for 10% 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 4-5 page bibliographic essay on the topic of his/her final paper. This essay must be turned in on March 7 [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 participate in two oral presentations based on themes from two separate class meetings during the semester. Class presentations may be done in groups. Each presentation may not exceed 20 minutes and should expand discussion on themes presented by the instructor during the initial portion of the class meeting that week. Each student participating in a class presentation will turn in the subsequent week a 5 page review of the presentation highlighting the main points and incorporating the insights gained from class discussion the week of his/her presentation. [Each paper will count for 15% and each presentation will account for 5% of your grade – a total of 40%]
4. On May 2 students will be responsible for a 5 minute oral presentation summarizing briefly the paper topic and discussing the results of their study. The Final paper will be a research essay due no later than May 9 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.