

Medieval Europe



Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30-1:45 p.m.
in CSB 277

Dr. Myers' Spring 2019 Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Course Description

This course will provide students with an overview of European society from approximately 800-1320. Topics included will include architectural styles, art & literature, economic and legal developments, gender roles, military conflicts, political structures, and religious beliefs, as well as interactions with non-Europeans.

Required Reading

- ❖ *The Edge of the World: A Cultural History of the North Sea and the Transformation of Europe* by Michael Pye
- ❖ *Gender in Medieval Culture* by Michelle M. Sauer
- ❖ *The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews, and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain* by María Rosa Menocal

Additional readings will be handed out or may need to be accessed by students at the course webpage – <http://cdmyers.info/MedievalEurope2019.html> – which will be updated as needed.

Evaluation & Class Participation

- ❖ Article Annotations – 5% each (due Tuesdays 29 January & 12 February and Thursday 21 March)
- ❖ Midterm Exam – 20% (Tuesday 26 February)
- ❖ Medieval Research Paper – 20% (Thursday 28 March @ Midnight)
- ❖ Leading Discussion on Medieval Gender – 10% (dates will vary)
- ❖ Final Exam – 25% (Tuesday 30 April)
- ❖ Final Assessment – 10% (Tuesday 7 May @ 3:00 p.m.)

Without question you should be in class every day, ready to learn. Should you fall ill, break your leg, or have another serious dilemma that prevents your attendance, you are responsible for politely asking a classmate if you can **HAND-COPY** their notes (do not forget to say thank you!). Additionally, you should set up a time to go over missed material with Dr. Myers at the earliest possible opportunity. *Also note: All assignments must be completed for you to earn a passing grade in this course. You should also keep in mind that you will lose 10 pts. per day an assignment is late/exam is taken late.*

Grading Scale

A = 100%-93%	B = 86.9%-83%	C = 76.9%-73%	D = 66.9%-63%
A- = 92.9%-90%	B- = 82.9%-80%	C- = 72.9%-70%	D- = 62.9%-60%
B+ = 89.9%-87%	C+ = 79.9%-77%	D+ = 69.9%-67%	F = below 60%

Course work expectations – Hours per week...

...in class = 2.5 hours ...reading/reviewing/studying = 7.5 hours. Total hours per week = 10 hours.

!!! Important Notes !!!

Please silence all cell phones before class starts, and leave them in your bag/coat/purse...so no text messaging at any time either! During tests, you may not have on headphones of any type, for any reason.

Students at Monmouth are all expected to read and abide by the Scots Guide Student Handbook (available online at <http://www.monmouthcollege.edu/life/residence-life/scots-guide>), and should pay special attention to the Academic Regulations dealing with Academic Honesty and violations thereof, listed below in bold (*with my comments following each*):

1. **Cheating on tests, labs, etc;** (*This includes bringing in cheat sheets in any form, looking at a neighbor's test, talking during the test, or accessing online materials during a test.*)
2. **Plagiarism, i.e., using the words, ideas, writing, or work of another without giving appropriate credit;** (*You will get a citation guide with your paper assignments that you should be able to follow easily. If you have any questions about how to cite a source at anytime, be sure to ask!*)
3. **Improper collaboration between students, i.e., not doing one's own work on outside assignments specified as group projects by the instructor;** (*If you have questions about when studying together becomes "improper collaboration" be sure to ask. As a general rule, you should make sure you separate yourself from your classmates before you start writing an assignment so that you can be certain it is in your own words and no one else's.*)
4. **Submitting work previously submitted in another course, without previous authorization by the instructor.** (*If you have done an assignment in another course that you think would work well for one in this course, it is not inconceivable that I would give you permission to reuse it...with revisions. Set up a time with me to discuss/negotiate the possibility.*)

All instructors at Monmouth are required to follow the procedures noted in the Student Handbook in regard to violations of the Academic Honesty Policy. It is incumbent upon you to remember the final portion of the Philosophical Statement regarding Academic Honesty: "Any breach of the academic honesty policy – either intentionally or unintentionally - will be taken seriously and may result not only in failure in the course, but in suspension or expulsion from the College. It is each student's responsibility to read, understand and comply with the general academic honesty policy at Monmouth College, as defined here in the Scots Guide, and to the specific guidelines for each course, as elaborated on the professor's syllabus."

Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should speak with Dr. Myers during the first two weeks of class and get in touch with the Teaching and Learning Center on the 2nd floor of Poling Hall, 309-457-2257.

If you have questions or concerns at any point during the course, please come to see me during office hours or make an appointment with me to have a discussion. I am better able to help you learn if I know what help you need.

Class Schedule...

Date	Topics Covered	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday 15 Jan 19	Introduction – Historiography of Medieval Europe	Discuss Introduction in Pye
Thursday 17 Jan 19	Money & Books	Chapters 1 & 2 in Pye
Tuesday 22 Jan 19	Making enemies	Chapter 3 in Pye
Thursday 24 Jan 19	Settling	Chapter 4 in Pye
Tuesday 29 Jan 19	Fashion	Chapter 5 in Pye Article Annotation #1 Due
Thursday 31 Jan 19	No class...Enjoy!	
Tuesday 5 Feb 19	Law & nature	Chapters 6 & 7 in Pye
Thursday 7 Feb 19	Science & money	Chapter 8 in Pye
Tuesday 12 Feb 19	Dealers rule	Chapter 9 in Pye Article Annotation #2 Due
Thursday 14 Feb 19	Love & capital	Chapter 10 in Pye
Tuesday 19 Feb 19	Plague laws	Chapter 11 in Pye

Thursday 21 Feb 19	The city & the world	Chapter 12 in Pye
Tuesday 26 Feb 19	Midterm Exam	Study!
Thursday 28 Feb 19	A First-Rate Place	Pages 15-50 in Menocal

*** SPRING BREAK ***

Tuesday 12 Mar 19	Palaces, Mosques, and Gardens	Pages 51-146 in Menocal
Thursday 14 Mar 19	Outside Spain	Pages 147-215 in Menocal
Tuesday 19 Mar 19	Visions of Other Worlds	Pages 216-243 in Menocal
Thursday 21 Mar 19	The Alhambra	Pages 244-252 in Menocal Article Annotation #3 Due
Tuesday 26 Mar 19	Somewhere in LaMancha	Pages 253-283 in Menocal
Thursday 28 Mar 19	In-class Proofreading Session...	Medieval Research Paper Due @ Midnight
Tuesday 2 Apr 19	Gender in Medieval Culture	Introduction in Sauer
Thursday 4 Apr 19	Law, Medicine, and Science Discussion leaders:	Chapter 1 in Sauer

Tuesday 9 Apr 19	Marriage & Virginitv Discussion leaders:	Chapter 2 in Sauer
Thursday 11 Apr 19	Deviance & Transgression Discussion leaders:	Chapter 3 in Sauer
Tuesday 16 Apr 19	No class...Scholars Day	
Thursday 18 Apr 19	Final Exam Workshop	Gather & Review Notes from the Semester
Tuesday 23 Apr 19	Sexuality & Religion Discussion leaders:	Chapter 4 in Sauer
Thursday 25 Apr 19	Power, Labor, and Economics Discussion leaders:	Chapter 5 in Sauer
Tuesday 30 Apr 19	Final Exam	Study!
Tuesday 7 May 19	Medieval movie, TBD	Final Assessment Due @ 3:00 p.m.

200-level Course Learning Outcomes:

1. identify, analyze, and interpret secondary sources;
2. identify and understand how historians create and use secondary sources;
3. reinforce and deepen appreciation for how history is constructed using documents;
4. reinforce and deepen the ability to compare and contrast multiple sources;
5. learn about, and deepen student comprehension of a specific, narrowly defined historical period or topic.