

Course Syllabus

History 163, Three Visions of the Crusades: Byzantine, Arab and Latin West

Mondays, 2:00 – 4:50 pm

HSS 6008

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Office Hours, Monday, 12:00 to 2:00 and by appointment

The students in this seminar will discuss the first four medieval crusades with special emphasis on a close reading of primary texts from the Byzantine, Arab and Latin worlds. These texts offer strikingly different views of the crusading movement.

Each student will be expected to help lead one discussion session, attend and participate in all discussion sessions, and write a 3,000 word term paper (about 15 pages at 200 words per page) on a topic agreed to in consultation with the professor.

Grades will be determined by 1) attendance 2) participation 3) quality of the assigned term paper.

Basic required text for course: Christopher Tyerman, *God's War, A New History of the Crusades*, Harvard University Press, 2006. This text is available in paper and will provide historical background and up to date bibliography.

Monday, January 5

Monday, January 12

Read Tyerman, pages 1 – 212

Discussion: Sources and Issues, The First Crusade

Monday, January 19 [no class]

Monday, January 26

Read Tyerman, pages 212 - 341

Discussion: Sources and Issues, The Second Crusade

Monday, February 2

Read Tyerman, pages 341 – 477

Discussion: Sources and Issues, The Third Crusade

Monday, February 9

Read Tyerman, pages 477 - 563

Discussion: Sources and Issues, The Fourth Crusade

Outline and bibliography for term paper due today

Monday, February 16 [no class]

Monday, February 23

Presentation and discussion of papers (3 today)

Monday, March 2

Presentation and discussion of papers (3 today)

Monday, March 9

Presentation and discussion of papers (3 today)