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COURSE MAJOR, DEGREE or PROGRAM: HIS 511

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1.	List any modifications made in the course proposal as submitted originally and why.
2.	If no modifications were made, review considerations that arose during the investigation and the resolutions.
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- a. change in number within the same hundred series;
- b. editorial change in the course title or description which does not imply change in content or emphasis;
- a change in prerequisite(s) which does not imply change in content or emphasis, or which is made necessary by the elimination or significant alteration of the prerequisite(s);
- d. a cross-listing of a course under conditions set forth in SR 3.3.0.E;
- e. correction of typographical errors.

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HIS 511: Barbarians

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This course examines the peoples known to to historians of Western Europe as the "Barbarians": Goths, Huns, Burgundians, Franks, Lombards, Alemanni, Suevi, Saxons, Frisians, Jutes, Celts, who took up residence on the continent of Europe and whose polities replaced the central government of imperial Rome in the fifth and subsequent centuries, as well as those of the northern realms of the British Isles and Scandinavia whose reputation is made in the eighth, ninth, and tenth centuries: Anglo-Saxons, insular Celts, Picts, and Vikings. Topics to be studied include the ethnic and cultural identities of the Barbarians, their rôle in redefining the social and political institutions of Europe, the reasons for their political and military successes, and their hold on the imaginations of both sympathetic and unsympathetic historians.

Books:

Transformation of the Roman World AD 400-900, edd. Leslie Webster and Michelle Brown. (University of California Press, 1997). Paperback: 272 pages. ISBN-10: 0520210603; ISBN-13: 978-0520210608

From Roman to Merovingian Gaul: a reader, ed. and trans. Alexander Callander Murray. (Readings in Medieval Civilizations and Cultures, 5; Broadview Press, 2000). Paperback: 550 pages. ISBN-10: 1551111020; ISBN-13: 978-1551111025

The Early Middle Ages: Europe 400-1000, ed. Rosamond McKitterick. (The Short Oxford History of Europe; Oxford University Press, 2001). Paperback: 308 pages. ISBN: 0-19873172-8

Optional: Smith, Julia M.H., Europe after Rome: a new cultural history, 500-1000 (Oxford University Press, 2005) Paperback: 384 pages. ISBN: 978-0-19-289263-8

Note that some readings on the syllabus are to be obtained from various websites, listed below for specific assignments. There are also readings on Reserve. When copyright permits, these will be e-Reserves; instructions for access will be distributed in class.

Schedule of Classes and Readings.

15 January:

Introduction and Organisation

Unit I: Romans notice the Barbarians

20 January:

Reading: pp. 9-47 in The Transformation of the Roman World:

- 1. Evangelos Chrysos, "The empire in east and west"
- 2. Walter Pohl, "The barbarian successor states"

22 January:

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

pp. 194-196: Sidonius Apollinaris, Description of Theodoric II, King of the Visigoths

pp. 202-213: Sidonius Apollinaris, Journey to Rome, Patronage, Urban Prefect, Perils of Office, A New Solon

pp. 215-217: Sidonius Apollinaris, A Barbarian Prince

pp. 234-237: Sidonius Apollinaris, To the Emperor's son at the Burgundian Court

27 January:

Reading: pp. 28-48 in Fifth-Century Gaul: a crisis of identity? (ed. J. Drinkwater & H. Elton) On Reserve

- 1. S. Muhlberger, "Looking back from mid century: the Gallic Chronicler of 452..."
- 2. S. Barnish, "Old Kaspars: Attila's invasion of Gaul in the literary sources"

29 January:

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

pp. 139-151: Priscus of Panium, An Embassy to the Court of Attila the Hun

pp. 151-154: Priscus of Panium, Attila and the West

pp. 154-156: Priscus of Panium, Attila's Death

Unit Two: The Barbarians go grocery shopping

3 February:

Reading: 1. pp. 19-32 in The Transformation of the Roman World:

Javier Arce, "Otium et negotium: the great estates, 4th-7th century"

2. pp. 156-64 in Fifth-Century Gaul: a crisis of identity? (ed. J. Drinkwater & H. Elton):

J. Percival, "The fifth-century villa: new life of death postponed?" On Reserve

5 February:

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

pp. 109-132; Salvian of Marseilles, excerpts from Books I-VI of On the Governance of God

pp. 201-202: Sidonius Apollinaris, Letter to Eutropius

pp. 237-249: Sidonius Apollinaris, Letters to various persons

pp. 460-473: Fredegar, excerpts (A.D. 609-627)

10 February:

Reading: pp. 48-66 in The Transformation of the Roman World:

Max Martin, "Wealth and treasure in the west, 4th-7th century"

12 February:

Discussion of primary sources in *From Roman to Merovingian Gaul* (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray): pp. 371-396: Gregory of Tours, excerpts from *The Histories*, VI.40-VII.43

12 February: First Paper Due.

17 February:

Reading: 1. pp. 67-78 in The Transformation of the Roman World:

Stéphane Lebecq, "Routes of change: productions and distribution in the west (5th-8th century)

2. pp. 122-131 in Fifth-Century Gaul: a crisis of identity? (ed. J. Drinkwater & H. Elton):

R.B. Hitchner, "Meridional Gaul, trade and the Mediterranean economy in Late Antiquity"

19 February:

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

pp. 169-171: Letter establishing the Council of the Seven Provinces

pp. 191-192: Law Code of Euric, On Sales

pp. 226-229: Sidonius Apollinaris, Letters introducing Amantius

pp. 283-285: Gregory of Tours, The Destruction of the Elder Sigibert and his son

pp. 499-508: The Life of Lady Balthild, Queen

Unit Three: Barbarian Social Life

24 February:

Reading: pp. 218-238 in in Fifth-Century Gaul: a crisis of identity? (ed. J. Drinkwater & H. Elton):

1. R. Samson, "Slavery, the Roman legacy"

2. R.W. Mathisen, "Fifth-century visitors to Italy: business or pleasure?"

26 February:

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

p. 231: Sidonius Apollinaris, Abduction by Vargi

pp. 289-300: Gregory of Tours, excerpts from The Histories, III.1-III.18

pp. 535-538: Frankish Law: Homicides, Chrenecruda

p. 540: Frankish Law, Binding Freemen

pp. 549-550: Frankish Law, If a Slave is Charged with Theft

2 March:

Reading: Janet L. Nelson, "Making a Difference in Eighth-Century Politics: the Daughters of Desiderius" in *After Rome's Fall: Narrators and Sources of Early Medieval History* ed. Alexander Callander Murray, pp. 171-190 **On Reserve**

4 March:

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

pp. 163-169: Olympiodorus, Galla Placidia and the Goths

pp. 270-271: Nicetus, Letter to Chlodoswintha, Queen of the Lombards

pp. 325-374: Gregory of Tours, excerpts from The Histories, V-VI

9 March

Reading: pp. 111-127 in The Transformation of the Roman World::

Ian Wood, "The transmission of ideas"

11 March

Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C. Murray):

pp. 21-40: Orosius, On Empire, Barbarians, and Usurpers

pp. 220-221: Sidonius Apollinaris, Buying Books at Rheims

pp. 223-226: Sidonius Apollinaris, Letter to Perpetuus

pp. 429-432: Venantius Fortunatus, On the Virtues of Chilperic

Spring Break: no classes on 16 and 18 March

23 March: Second Paper Due Unit Four: Barbarians and the Cosmos

23 March:

Reading: Reading: Mayke de Jong, "Religion" in *The Early Middle Ages* (ed. R. McKitterick) pp. 131-167

25 March

Discussion: Discussion of primary sources in From Roman to Merovingian Gaul (ed. and trans. A.C.

pp. 271-282: Gregory of Tours, The Career of Clovis, chapters 27-37

pp. 450-453: Fredegar, The Last Years of Guntram

pp. 639-649: Letters of Bishop Daniel, Pope Gregory III, and Boniface

Muirchu's Life of Saint Patrick On Reserve

30 March: Reading: pp. 79-95 in *The Transformation of the Roman World*Alain Dierkens and Patrick Périn, "Death and burial in Gaul and Germania, 4th-8th century"

1 April: Discussion of 128-179 in *The Transformation of the Roman World*:

Eutychia Kourkoutidou-Nicolaidou, "From the Elysian Fields to the Christian Paradise"

Friederike Naumann-Steckner, "Death on the Rhine: changing burial customs in Cologne,
3rd-7th century"

Unit Five: Neo-Barbarians

6 April: Toward the Carolingian Context

Reading: Rosamond McKitterick, "Politics" in The Early Middle Ages (ed. R. McKitterick)

8 April: Discussion of excerpts from the Lives of Charlemagne by Einhard and The Monk of St. Gall (Notker the Stammerer)

Einhard §§ 4-21. (Plan of This Work, Aquitanian War, Lombard War, Saxon War, Spanish Expedition, Submission of the Bretons and Beneventans, Tassilo and the Bavarian Campaign, Slavic War, War with the Huns, Danish War, Extent of Charlemagne's Conquests, Foreign Relations, Public Works, Private Life, Conspiracies Against Charlemagne, Charlemagne's Treatment of Foreigners). Penguin edition: pp. 59-76.

Monk of St. Gall Book II §§ 5-8, 12-17, Book I §§ 28-30. Penguin ed. pp.139-147, 153-167, 125-128

Both Lives may be found on-line.

Medieval Sourcebook: Einhard: The Life of Charlemagne (Complete)
 Medieval Sourcebook: Einhard: The Life of Charlemagne. Einhard: The Life of

Charlemagne translated by Samuel Epes Turner (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1880).

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/einhard.html

2. Medieval Sourcebook: The Monk of Saint Gall: The Life of Charlemagne http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/stgall-charlemagne.html

Note: Both of these translations are older ones, out of copyright. If you find the prose style of the translations an obstacle, there is a newer translation of both texts on Reserve at the Young Library.

8 April: Third Paper Due: Barbarians and the Cosmos

13 April: Vikings

Reading: Chris Wickham, "Society" in The Early Middle Ages

15 April

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Videos: "Vikings!" (or, by vote, Discussion of Njal's Saga excerpts)

Resource for papers: Njal's Saga (The Story of Burnt Njal) (DL SunSITE)

Berkeley Digital Library SunSITE. The Story of Burnt Njal (Njal's Saga). Online Medieval and Classical Library Release #11.

http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/OMACL/Njal/ Part 1: sections 1-20.

Again, an older translation. Newer translation on Reserve at Young Library.

20 April: Anglo-Saxon England

Reading: Jean-Pierre Devroey, "The economy" in The Early Middle Ages

22 April

Discussion: The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. Section 2: A.D. 750-919.

http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/OMACL/Anglo/

A 1912 edition. A newer translation is on Reserve in the Young Library.

27 April: Insular Celts and Picts

Reading: Ian Wood, "Culture" in The Early Middle Ages

29 April

Discussion: The Second Battle of Mag Tured (Moytura)

The text may be found under the section "Ireland" in the Celtic Literature Library.

http://celtdigital.org/Celtlit.htm

29 April: Fourth Paper Due

Assignments and Protocols:

There will be **four short papers**, of about five pages in length. Each of these papers will be written in the form of a forged historical document that presents a barbarian perspective on the material we cover in class. The forgeries must draw on the assigned primary sources (you may also use additional primary source material from the Murray reader) and document the use of those sources; these papers should represent analysis and interpretation of the information from those sources. The topics of these papers will be those of the units of the syllabus, thus the first paper will present a barbarian account of political and military matters, and will draw on your study of the readings and sources from Unit One, and so forth. Within these general constraints, you are encouraged to select specific issues that interest or intrigue you, and to present your ideas in whatever type of historical source you think best suited to your forgery. Each paper will count for 20% of the final grade. With my permission, papers may be rewritten and resubmitted for a better grade.

First paper: The Barbarian Forgeries, I: Politics and Military Matters (Readings and Sources from Unit I)

Second paper: The Barbarian Forgeries, II: Economic and Social Life (Readings and Sources from Units II and III)

Third paper: The Barbarian Forgeries, III: Religion (Readings and Sources from Unit IV)

Fourth paper: The Barbarian Forgeries, IV: Neo-Barbarians (Readings and Sources from Unit V)

Thursday discussion preparation: This will count for 20% of the final grade, all of which may be forfeited if three discussions are not prepared or are missed. There are two ways to obtain this credit. First, you may participate actively in discussion every Thursday, having carefully prepared intelligent observations and questions about the primary source material we shall be examining. If you find it difficult to participate in class discussion, you may submit a page of such intelligent observations and questions in writing. The format need not be formal, as long as your ideas and questions are reasonably clear. It should be noted that such written preparation is a good strategy for those who plan on oral participation! To prepare for Thursday discussion, think about the type of source and why it might have been written, how that affects its information, what seems odd or puzzling, what seems particularly useful for illuminating the topics we're investigating, and so forth. Note: such preparation will also be useful as you write your papers.

Summary of Grading Scheme:

Participation: 20%

Paper 1: 20%

Paper 2: 20%

Paper 3: 20%

Paper 4: 20%

Grading Scale: A = 90 or above. B = 80 or above. C = 60 or above. D = 50 or above. Below 50: fail.

All assignments must be submitted to me typed (word-processed), on paper. Email or e-attachments will not be accepted for credit. Work submitted past deadline is liable to penalty (half a letter grade for each day past deadline).

Please keep a dossier of all work that you do for this class. This dossier should contain both your own copy of all submitted work and also work I return to you with comments, as well as all hand-outs and supplementary bibliographies. We may have occasion to consult this dossier together as we plan and develop your work, and I may request it at the end of the term to assist me in evaluating your performance in the course.

Attendance is required; see me to plead your case in the event of absence caused by incapacitating injury or illness, or death in the immediate family (normally within one degree of kinship). (Be prepared with compelling written documentation from an unimpeachable source). Frequent absences will inevitably result in weakening your understanding of the material and the subject, and will thus take a toll in your performance in the course.

Should you have any questions, ever, regarding proper citation of sources in your work, please ask me (visit, telephone, email, accost between classes) or raise the question in class. Proper acknowledgement of intellectual indebtedness will be regarded as a sign of strength, not weakness. Recall that plagiarism includes not only direct quotation of words not your own, but also uncredited ideas; paraphrase does not exempt you from acknowledging the source. Footnotes are our friends! Failure to acknowledge sources (this includes ideas proposed by peers, information found on the Web, and so forth) will be severely penalised. The assignment will be given an F and there will be formal proceedings to place a record of the incident in your file.

Should it appear that a significant number of persons in the class are failing to grasp the material sufficiently, particularly with regard to matters of standard historical analysis, such as chronology or geography, there may be quizzes. In the event that a quiz seems advisable, the date and the material to be mastered will be announced, and appropriate adjustments to the grading scheme will be made.

Graduate Students taking this course will be required to read one of the major chronicles or medieval historical narratives (e.g., the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, Bede's *Ecclesiastical History of the English People, The Annals of Ulster*, Paul the Deacon's *History of the Lombards*, Gregory of Tours' *History of the Franks*, Jordanes' *Getica*) and, using appropriate published scholarship (including archaeological reports), write a paper of about twenty pages on an aspect of barbarian history to be negotiated individually with the instructor.

Grading Scheme for Graduate Students:

Short papers: 10% each, for 40% total

Research paper: 50% Participation: 10%

Grading Scale: A = 90 or above. B = 80 or above. C = 60 or above. Below 60: fail.

Books to consult if you're feeling lost:

Roger Collins, Early Medieval Europe, 300-1000 (London, 1992)
Peter Brown, The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity A.D. 200-1000 (Oxford, 1995)
J.M. Wallace-Hadrill, The Barbarian West, 400-1000 (Oxford, 1967)
Edward James, The Origins of France from Clovis to the Capetians, 500-1000 (London, 1982)
Roger Collins, Early Medieval Spain: Unity in Diversity, 400-1000 (London, 1983)

Source of useful specialized articles: Early Medieval History (Journal: see web-site http://www.blackwellpublishers.co.uk/asp/journal.asp?ref=0963-9462&src=cts for list of articles to date)

Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, students will be able to

- Identify the major groups of barbarian peoples who coalesce into polities in western Europe in the early Middle Ages
- Describe the primary characteristics of their societies
- Discuss later interpretations of these peoples
- Analyze the reasons for their political and military successes and failures
- Analyze the processes of economic and religious changes in their societies
- Examine critically complex primary source materials from the early middle ages
- Describe the ways in which primary sources may shaped by their authors to convey particular views or interpretations of data, events, and character, and how the process of selecting data affects the meaning of a primary source