

Hist 3551Y/4050Y: Medieval Warfare Calendar of Readings

(Important) Course Dates																																				
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fall test: 9 December; final exam: April (TBA)																																				
fall essay due: 25 November; spring essay due: 10 March																																				
article reviews due: 11 November; 13 January; 17 February; and 31 March																																				

Topics & Readings

Week 1: Introduction; Warfare & the fall of Rome Week 2: Early medieval warfare

 Augustine, City of God, 1.16-24; 2.17-23; 19.7-28 R. A. Markus, "Saint Augustine's Views on the 'Just War'," in The Church and W. J. Sheils, Studies in Church History 20 (Oxford: Blackwell, 1983), 1-13, T. Reuter, "Carolingian and Ottonian Warfare," in Medieval Warfare: A Hist Keen (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), 13-35 	[CR]
 Week 3: Excursus 1: Vikings H. B. Clarke, "The Vikings," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 36–58 "The Battle of Maldon" Asser's Life of Alfred, §§ 1–41 	[online] [online]
 Week 4: Excursus 1: Vikings Asser's Life of Alfred, §§ 42-106 extracts from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle The Burghal Hidage & the "Treaty between Alfred and Guthrum" 	[online] [online] [handout]
 Week 5: Knights & mounted warfare DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 44–47, 95–110 Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 21–38, 44–46, 53–56, 102–105 "The Song of Roland," pt. 1 (ll. 1–1109) 	[online]
 Week 6: Infantry weapons & warfare DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 3–33, 47–49 Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 56–60, 100–01, 135–43 "The Song of Roland," pt. 2 (ll. 1110–2396) 	[online]

Week 7: Medieval armour

- DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 50-94
- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 105–12
- "The Song of Roland," pt. 3 (ll. 2397–4002)

Week 8: Projectiles: from bows to guns

- (REVIEW) D. Whetham, "The English Longbow: A Revolution in Technology?" In *The Hundred Years War (Part II): Different Vistas*, ed. L. J. A. Villalon and D. J. Kagay, History of Warfare 51 (Leiden: Brill, 2008), 213–32 [CR]
- DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 33–44, 143–63
- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 96–100

Week g: Fortifications

- DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 169–270
- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 66–87

Week 10: The medieval siege: logistics & siege tactics

- DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 125–142;
- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 13–21, 39–53, 88–96
- R. L. C. Jones, "Fortifications and Sieges in Western Europe, c. 800–1450," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 163–85
- Walter of Exeter, "Siege of Carlaverock" (1300)

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Week 11: War at sea

- DeVries, Medieval Military Technology, 283–308
- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 144–63
- F. Fernández-Armesto, "Naval Warfare after the Viking Age, c. 1100–1500," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 230–252
- T. J. Runyan, "Naval Logistics in the Late Middle Ages: The Example of the Hundred Years' War," in *Feeding Mars: Logistics in Western Warfare from the Middle Ages to the Present*, ed. J. A. Lynn (Boulder: Westview Press, 1993), 79–100 [CR]

Week 12: Religious orders and spiritual warfare

- (REVIEW) B. H. Rosenwein, "Feudal War and Monastic Peace: Cluniac Liturgy as Ritual Aggression," Viator 2 (1971): 129–157 [CR]
- B. H. Rosenwein and L. K. Little, "Social Meaning in the Monastic and Mendicant Spiritualities," *Past and Present* 63 (1974): 4–32 [online]
- Jotsaldus, Anecdote from On the Life and Virtues of Abbot Saint Odo (2.13) [online]

Week 13: Excursus 2: Crusades — to the Holy Land

- P. Edbury, "Warfare in the Latin East," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 89-112
- Five versions of Urban II's Speech at Clermont (1095)
- Geoffroy de Villehardouin, *The Conquest of Constantinople*, chapters 1–9 (Penguin) [online]

Week 14: Excursus 2: Crusades — the role of the military orders

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- S. J. Allen and E. Amt, eds., *The Crusades: A Reader*, Readings in medieval civilizations and cultures 8 (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2003) (Chapters 50, 69, 93, 94) [CR]
- M. C. Greenia, trans., Bernard of Clairvaux: In Praise of the New Knighthood: A Treatise on the Knights Templar and the Holy Places of Jerusalem, with an introduction by M. Barber, Cistercian Fathers Series, 19B (Kalamazoo, MI: Cistercian Publications, 2000), 31–48

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• Villehardouin, Conquest of Constantinople, cc. 10–14 (Penguin)

Week 15: Excursus 2: Crusades — against the enemies of Christendom

- Allen and Amt, *The Crusades: A Reader* (chapters 56–58, 62)
- Thomas Aquinas On War (Summa theologiae 2a2ae q. 40 aa. 1–4) [online]
- Villehardouin, Conquest of Constantinople, cc. 15–21 (finish)

Week 16: Women at war

- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 60–65
- K. DeVries, "A Woman as Leader of Men: Joan of Arc's Military Career," in *Fresh Verdicts* on Joan of Arc, ed. B. Wheeler and C. T. Wood (New York: Garland Publications, 1996), 3–18,
- J. A. Truax, "Anglo-Norman Women at War: Valiant Soldiers, Prudent Strategists or Charismatic Leaders," in *Circle of War: Essays on Medieval Military and Naval History*, ed. D. J. Kagay and L. J. A. Villalon (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 1999), 111–125 [CR]
- J. F. Verbruggen, "Women in Medieval Armies," (Translated by Kelly DeVries), Journal of Military History 4 (2006): 119–136

Week 17: Mercenaries

- (REVIEW) K. DeVries, "Medieval Mercenaries: Methodology, Definitions, and Problems," in Mercenaries and Paid Men: The Mercenary Identity in the Middle Ages, Proceedings of the Conference Held at University of Wales, Swansea, 7th–9th July 2005, ed. J. France, History of Warfare 47 (Leiden: Brill, 2008), 43–60 [CR]
- M. Mallett, "Mercenaries," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 209–229
- M. Prestwich, Armies and Warfare in the Middle Ages: The English Experience (New Haven: Yale Unviersity Press, 1996), 83–113, 147–57 ("rewards" and "mercenaries") [CR]
- Machiavelli and More on mercenaries: Selections from *The Prince*, *Discourses on Livy*, and *Utopia* [handout]

Week 18: The margins of war: spies, torture, and the treatment of prisoners

- J. R. Alban and C. T. Allmand, "Spies and Spying in the Fourteenth Century," in War, Literature, and Politics in the Late Middle Ages, ed. C. T. Allmand (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 1976), 73–101 [CR]
- C. Allmand, "War and the Non-Combatant in the Middle Ages," in Keen, *Medieval Warfare*, 253–72
- P. Mitchell, "The Torture of Military Captives in the Crusades to the Medieval Middle East," in *Noble Ideals and Bloody Realities: Warfare in the Middle Ages*, ed. N. Christie and M. Yazigi, History of Warfare 37 (Leiden: Brill, 2006), 97–118 [CR]

Week 19: Excursus 3: The Hundred Year's War — overview and early years

- C. J. Rogers, "The Age of the Hundred Years War," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 136–160
- M. Bennett, "The Development of Battle Tactics in the Hundred Years War," in Arms, Armies, and Fortifications in the Hundred Years War, ed. A. Curry and M. Hughes (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 1994), 1–21 [CR]
- K. DeVries, Infantry Warfare in the Early Fourteenth-Century: Discipline, Tactics, and Technology, Warfare in History 2 (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 1996), 155–75 ("The Battle of Crécy, 1346")

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• A selection of sources from the war

Week 20: Excursus 3: The Hundred Year's War — the fifteenth century

- J. Keegan, *The Face of Battle* (Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1978), 78–116 ("Agincourt, 25 October 1415") [CR]
- R. D. Smith, "Artillery and the Hundred Years War: Myth and Interpretation," in Curry and Hughes, Arms, Armies, and Fortifications, 151–160
- A selection of sources from the war

Week 21: Urban warfare: feud & vendetta

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Week 22: Popular protest and revolts

- S. K. Cohn, *Popular Protest in Late Medieval Europe: Italy, France, and Flanders* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2004), 150–69 (selections from "The Jacquerie") [CR]
- (REVIEW) D. M. Bessen, "The Jacquerie: Class War or Co-Opted Rebellion?" Journal of Medieval History 11 (1985): 43–59
 [online]
- W. M. Bowsky, "The Medieval Commune and Internal Violence: Police Power and Public Safety in Siena, 1287–1355," *American Historical Review* 73, no. 1 (1967): 1–17 [online]
- J. Dumolyn and J. Haemers, "Patterns of Rebellion in Medieval Flanders," Journal of Medieval History 31 (2005): 369–393 [online]

Week 23: War & "the law"

- Selections from D. L. Smail and K. Gibson, eds., Vengeance in Medieval Europe: A Reader, Readings in Medieval Civilizations and Cultures 13 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009) (cc. 43, 47–50, 85–91) [handout]
- John of Legnano, A Treatise on War, Reprisals, and the Duel (selections) [online]
- H. E. J. Cowdrey, "The Peace and Truce of God in the Eleventh Century," *Past and Present* 46 (1970): 42–67 [online]
- D. Whetham, Just Wars and Moral Victories: Surprise, Deception and the Normative Framework of European War in the Later Middle Ages, History of wafare 55 (Leiden: Brill, 2009) ("The role of war as a legal instrument in the Middle Ages") [handout]

Week 24: Was there an early modern military revolution?

- Nicholson, Medieval Warfare, 164–66
- M. Keen, "The Changing Scene: Guns, Gunpowder, and Permanent Armies," in Keen, Medieval Warfare, 273–291

- G. Parker, "The 'Military Revolution, 1560–1660'—A Myth?" In *The Military Revolution Debate: Readings on the Military Transformation of Early Modern Europe*, ed. C. J. Rogers, Warfare and History (Boulder: Westview Press, 1995), 37–54 [CR]
- B. S. Hall and K. R. DeVries, "Review Essay—The Military Revolution Revisited," *Technology and Culture* 31, no. 3 (1990): 500–507 [online]