

**HIS 236**  
**The World of the Later Middle Ages, 1000-1500**

Satisfies: GLO

Thematic Categories: "Arts, Ideas & Culture; Empires,"  
"Empires, Violence & Global Connections," "Race, Religion, Gender & Sexualities"

MWF 9:00 AM - 9:53 AM

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This course has two main purposes. One is to give you a broad perspective on the history of Medieval Europe from the eleventh through fifteenth centuries by reading selected primary sources in English translation. The second is to teach you how to analyze and contextualize narrative, non-narrative, and visual primary sources as we chart the major political, intellectual, social, religious, and economic developments in Europe during the Later Middle Ages. During the centuries between the first millennium and the beginning of the early modern period, Europe was repeatedly transformed in the political, social, and religious spheres, and the framework was laid for modern conceptions of the state, law, and family. Major topics to be covered include economic expansion, the revival of urbanism; the medieval Church; the Crusades; the relationships between secular and ecclesiastical power structures; the twelfth-century intellectual Renaissance; the rise of national monarchies, constructions of orthodoxy and heresy; the status of women, Jews, and workers; later medieval warfare, plague, and schism; and the beginnings of European exploration, conquest and colonization during the fifteenth century