

Introduction to Medieval History

Code: 100335
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500501 History	FB	1	1
2502758 Humanities	OB	2	2

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

None

Objectives and Contextualisation

The subject covers the different periods, as well as the main processes and events that took place during the Middle Ages (5 -15 centuries). The content is discussed from the Historical Science (social, political, th th economic, ideological and cultural point of view) and from a theoretical and practical activity.

The subject's main objective is to provide the resources needed to acquire an elemental knowledge about the historical framework of the Middle Ages. This information will be useful to understand properly other subjects set in the degree.

Competences

- History
- Contextualizing the historical processes and analysing them from a critical perspective.
 - Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
 - Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
 - Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
 - Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
 - Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Humanities

- Critically analysing the contemporary culture.
- Critically analysing today's culture and its historical conditions.
- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Identifying the historical processes of contemporary culture.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

Learning Outcomes

1. Communicating in your mother tongue or other language both in oral and written form by using specific terminology and techniques of Historiography.
2. Critically analysing the past, the nature of the historical speech and the social function of historical science.
3. Developing the ability of historical analysis and synthesis.
4. Drawing up an academic text using the discipline's specific vocabulary.
5. Effectively working in teams and respecting different opinions.
6. Engaging in debates about historical facts respecting the other participants' opinions.
7. Identifying the context of the historical processes.
8. Identifying the main and secondary ideas and expressing them with linguistic correctness.
9. Identifying the social and economic tensions that triggered the transition from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern Period.
10. Identifying the specific methods of history and their relationship with the analysis of particular facts.
11. Interpreting the regulatory information that is located in the web pages of regulatory institutions.
12. Organising and planning the search of historical information.
13. Organising and summarising the different explanations about the causes of social change in the different historical stages of the Catalan society.
14. Properly using the specific vocabulary of History.
15. Reading and interpreting historiographical texts or original documents and transcribing, summarising and cataloguing information from the Middle Ages.
16. Recognising the most appropriate bibliographic databases in order to obtain sources of a specific issue.
17. Solving problems autonomously.
18. Using the characteristic computing resources of the field of History.
19. Using the characteristic investigation sources of the history of Catalonia.

Content

0. Middle Ages and feudalism. Concepts; periods. An approach to the tools used to study and analyse the Medieval History: written records and archaeological materials.

1. Late Roman Empire - Early Middle Ages (4th -7th centuries). Colonat, Christianity and migrations. Germanic states.
2. From the Eastern Empire to the Byzantine Empire (6th -13th centuries): between Justinian and the Crusades.
3. Muhammad, the Islam and the Islamic states (6th -10th centuries): from Mecca to Baghdad.
4. The Carolingians (8th -10th centuries): formation, organization and the end of the empire. The Scandinavian people in the Christian Europe.
5. The feudal system: duty and the lord-vassal relationship.

6. The Feudal Church (11th -13th): Reform, Peace and Truce, Investiture Controversy and Crusades.
7. Feudal Monarchies (11th -13th): Capets, Plantagenets and Staufens.
8. Eastern Europe (10th -14th): Bishoprics and States.
9. Cities under the Feudal System (12th -15th): Crafts, Guilds, Trade, Finances and Universities.
10. Famine, Plagues and War: The Gothic Period (14th -15th).
11. Islamic States (10th -15th): The Three Caliphates, the Mongol Empire and its division.
12. Byzantium (13th -15th): from the Latin Empire to the Fall of Constantinople.

Methodology

- Master classes
- Seminars and other activities guided by the professor
- Comprehension and interpretation of different materials, such cartography, graphics, tables and archaeological evidences
- Elaboration of reviews, essays and comments
- Individual study

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Master clases	35	1.4	2, 7, 10, 8, 11, 15, 12, 16, 14
Seminars and other activities guided by the professor..	15	0.6	4, 8, 15, 12, 6, 14, 18
Type: Supervised			
Comprehension and interpretation of different materials (i.e. mapping, graphics, tables or archaeological evidences).	20	0.8	8, 15, 12, 16, 14, 18
Type: Autonomous			
Elaboration of reviews, essays and comments.	30	1.2	3, 4, 12, 14, 18, 19
Individual study	25	1	8, 15, 12, 14, 18

Assessment

50% 2 exams

30% essay about a monographic book

20% essay about practical comments

In order to succeed the subject, it is necessary to pass the both exams.

The exercises cannot be submitted for the first time during the reevaluation period.

The copy of written sources (internet, books, articles...) equals a 0 on the exercise qualification. Therefore, the student will miss the right of being evaluated.

Students can attend a review of each exercise or test.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Essay about a monographic book	30%	10	0.4	2, 4, 8, 15, 12, 13, 16, 5, 14, 18
Exams	50%	5	0.2	2, 17, 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 8, 9, 11, 15, 12, 13, 6, 16, 5, 14, 18, 19
Written papers: practical comments	20%	10	0.4	2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 8, 15, 12, 14, 18

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