

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE AGES

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

13

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE AGES

UCEAP Transcript Title

HISTORY MIDDLE AGES

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course aims to provide an overview of western history, and some aspects of Middle Eastern history, from late antiquity to the 15th century. This includes an exploration of key political, economic, social, and religious events and developments. Examples include the evolution of the Roman Empire and its transition into the various empires and areas that eventually came to replace it in the West. Attention is also paid to the existing debate about the medieval period as a so-called "dark age." The birth of Christianity was another crucial development that shaped European history. Key events in later centuries include the establishment of universities, vast economic expansion, formation of the cultural landscape, trade expeditions, voyages of discovery, demographic growth, and the urbanization of large parts of Europe. Other important issues include constitutional developments ranging from the emergence of State Assemblies and gradual expansion of the powers held by kings and other rulers, to revolts and wars. Crucial religious and cultural developments include the major Councils, the Gregorian reforms, the Investiture Conflict and the Renaissance of the 12th century. This overview serves as a basis for the discussion of various themes. The course includes a visit to the special collection of the university library at the Uithof, where several manuscripts are shown.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

GE1V16004

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History and Art History

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