

COURSE DETAIL

REVOLUTIONARY CITIES: THE URBAN WORLD OF THE MIDDLE AGES

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of Manchester

Program(s)

University of Manchester

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

REVOLUTIONARY CITIES: THE URBAN WORLD OF THE MIDDLE AGES

UCEAP Transcript Title

URBAN WRLD/MID AGES

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course explores a series of interconnecting developments which placed cities at the center of power and innovation in the medieval world in the period c.1000 to c.1500. A process so transformative the cities can be conceptualized as revolutionary. Students explore how power was constructed within cities. In addition, students examine competing concepts of the city as an embodiment of sin or of holiness. Alongside this, students question how wealth was generated within cities and how some of the consequences of a profit economy and rising population were managed through welfare provision and charitable activity. Central to the course is the importance of landscape, and how monuments, topography, and rural hinterlands shaped urban socio-religious and political communities. Finally, students assess how learning (especially the rise of universities) and history-writing enabled cities to position themselves as centers of knowledge, memory, and identities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIST21252

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

History