

COURSE DETAIL

SAINTS AND SINNERS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

185

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SAINTS AND SINNERS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE

UCEAP Transcript Title

SNTS/SNRS MEDVL EUR

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

The institutional church never had the kind of control over the populace of medieval Europe that modern people think it did. This course explores the multiplicity of types of belief and practice amongst those who lived in accordance with the church's teaching—monks and nuns, wandering preachers, pious families—and the varieties of resistance among those who did not—Jews, Muslims, and heretics, social revolutionaries, sexual nonconformists, practitioners of the occult, student wastrels. The course discusses the kinds of sources that tell us about these groups, including saints' lives, chronicles, Inquisition registers, letters, and poetry. This course helps students appreciate how people in the past operated much as people do today, but in a very different world with a different set of assumptions. Continuous emphasis is placed on the geographical and cultural diversity of medieval Europe and the Mediterranean, and the decentralized and multivocal nature of medieval religion.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIU12035

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Host Institution Course Details

https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/JF/Saints_Sinners.pdf

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

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