

HSSP 2445 Early Mendicant Movements
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This course, which is primarily historical in its methodology, aims to explain the early emergence and the early development of the revolutionary form of religious life based on mendicancy and itinerancy in the 12th and 13th centuries in Western Europe, and compare this new religious form of life to traditional monastic traits of stability and, at times, the cultivation of wealth. One main theme in the course will be to demonstrate the substantial role of the laity—both men and women—in the early mendicant movements.

Learning Objectives Include:

1. Students will learn how to distinguish primary and secondary documents
2. Students will learn basic historical methods, including how to analyze primary documents and how to determine the inherent biases of a document
3. Students will learn how to identify the historical thesis and argument in secondary literature
4. Students will learn and practice the above methodological skills by studying primary documents and secondary literature related to the historical emergence and development of the Franciscan and Dominican traditions.

Grades will be based on :

- 1.) active and relevant class participation in the analysis and discussion of texts and associated themes (20%)
- 2.) Midterm Take Home Exam (25%)
- 3.) Four one-page reading reflections papers, due on the day of the readings designated with an asterisk (*) for weeks of 9/26; 10/10; 11/7; 11/21 (15%)
- 4.) Research Project and Presentation (40%) **Due Dec. 5 No Extensions**

Required Reading:

Herbert Grundmann, *Religious Movements in the Middle Ages*.
John Moorman. *A History of the Franciscan Order*

Selected Readings on Reserve

A Reader with additional required readings will be available at Copy Central on Hearst. Readings in the Reader are designated with ®.

Schedule of Classes

Monday, September 12

Monastic Traditions: Primacy of Stability and Wealth

Universalizing Church Structures: Gregorian Reform

Twelfth Century Context: Urbanization, Literacy

Vita Apostolica: Wandering Preachers and Lay Efforts in Christian Reform

Monday, September 19

7:10-8:30 Research Skills Workshop at GTU Library Computer Lab

Precursors to Mendicants: Peter Waldo and The Waldensians

Humiliati

Francis of Assisi

Read: Grundmann, ch. 1-3

Moorman, ch. 1-3

Monday, September 26 (Reflection Paper Due)

Waldensian Preachers and Official Responses

Humiliati

Francis of Assisi: The Man and the Myths

Read: *® Lerner, "A Case of Religious Counter Culture: The German Waldensians"

*® Ricca, "Sect or Order? (Waldensians-Franciscans)"

*® Wolf, selections from *Poverty of Riches*

Monday, October 3:

Transitus of St. Francis: Transitus Ritual at FST 7:30. Required Attendance. Class will convene for discussion in 3rd floor conference room at FST after the ceremony.

Read: Moorman, ch 9, 10

Monday, October 10: (Reflection Paper Due)

Theological Reflection: Getting Beyond the Sentimental Francis

Read:

*® Maier, "The Founder of Saints and the Crusades"

*® Warren, "Francis' Contribution to Interreligious Encounters and Peacemaking Today"

Monday, October 17:

Institutionalizing Francis' Vision: Developing an Order

Franciscan Dispute over Poverty

Dominic de Guzman and the Dominican Call to Preach Orthodoxy

Read: Moorman, ch. 6-8, 12, 15, 16

Hinnebusch (on Reserve)

®Montford, "Fit to Preach"

Monday, October 24: NO CLASS—READING WEEK

Monday, October 31: (Take Home Midterm Exam Due)

Charism of Itinerance: Mendicants and Popular Preaching
Clash of Charisms: Anti-mendicant Fervor and Inter-Mendicant Competition
Read: Moorman, ch. 13, 20
®Swanson, "Mendicant Problem, "

Monday, November 7: (Reflection Paper Due)

The Challenge of Being Popular
Lay Affiliates: Third Orders and Confraternities
Read: Grundmann, ch. 4, 5, 6
Moorman, ch. 4, 5, 18, 19
*®Swanson "Mendicants and Confraternities"
*® Terpstra "Confraternities and Mendicant Orders"
*® Casagrande, "An Order for Lay People"

Monday, November 14

Lay Associates: Medieval and Modern
Guest Speakers from Franciscan and Dominican Communities
Read: ®Carmody, "Franciscan Diversity: Gift for the World"
®Gilbreth, "Can Dominicans Really be Lay People?"
®Johnston, "Franciscan and Dominican Influences on the Medieval Order of Penance"
® Normile, "Francis' Way for Laypeople"

Monday, November 21:

Political Leverage of Mendicants
Creating Mendicant Saints
Mendicants and Political Clout: Capetian and Angevin Affiliation
Read: ®Goodich, "The Politics of Canonization"

Monday, November 28: (Reflection Paper Due)

Women and the Mendicant Charism
Finding Opportunities/Authority for Apostolic Ministries
Rose of Viterbo; Angela of Foligno, Margaret of Cortona, Catherine of Siena
Read: *®Pryds, "Proclaiming Sanctity through Proscribed Practices"
*®K. Scott articles on Catherine of Siena
*® Letters of Catherine of Siena

Monday, December 5: All Final Papers are due in-class Today. No Extensions given.

Continuation of Women and the Mendicant Orders
Oral Presentations

Monday, December 12:

Oral Presentations