Course Description

The Crusades have had a lasting impact on Muslims and the Islamic world. The epoch-forming movement influenced the central Islamic lands in many ways, affecting the region militarily, ideologically and culturally. This course will provide a historical and thematic survey of the Crusades from an Islamic perspective. It will examine the Muslim response to the Crusades from the beginning of the movement in 1096 to the end of the Crusader presence in the region in 1291. The course will begin with an overview of the Muslims’ politico-military reactions to the Crusade expeditions and the development of the Muslim *jihad* policies during the 12th and 13th century. It will then explore major themes such as the Arabic sources on the Crusades, the Muslim views of the Franks, and the systematic efforts of major Muslim leaders, such as Zangi, Nur al-Din, and Saladin, to form cultural unity among the Muslims through the establishment of madrasas, Sufi shrines, and advancing the Sunni revival movement. Attention will also be given to aspects of Frankish-Muslim coexistence and cooperation, cultural and economic exchanges, and the role of Shi'i minorities during this period. The survey will conclude by examining the legacy of the Crusades in the modern Middle East and their depiction in modern politics and modern history writing in Arabic.

Overview of Course Content

I. Introduction: What were the Crusades? What were the Muslim responses to the Crusades?
II. The central Islamic lands at the eve of the First Crusade (1099)
III. First Crusade to the fall of Frankish Edessa (1096-1146)
IV. Second Crusade to the Frankish loss of Jerusalem (1148-1193): Nur al-Din, Saladin, and *jihad* intensification
V. Later Ayyubids, Mamluks, Mongols, and end of Crusades (1193-1291)
VI. Arabo-Islamic Sources on the Crusades
VII. Religious, Cultural, and Institutional Responses to the Crusades: Sunni Revival, Sufism, and Extolling Jerusalem
VIII. Shi'ism and the Crusades: The Isma'ilis
IX. Muslim Views of the Crusaders and Muslim-Frankish Coexistence and Cooperation
X. The Crusades Today: the modern Middle East and the legacy of the Crusades
Objectives of the Course
1. To acquire a competent understanding of the general politico-military history of the Muslim responses to the Crusades.
2. To gain a strong understanding of the main Muslim individuals, battles, and events involved during the Age of the Crusades.
3. To acquire a strong familiarity of several major themes relating to the Islamic perspectives on the Crusades.
4. To closely read and critique secondary scholarly literature on the Islamic history of the Crusades and to become familiar with modern scholarly debates on several topics within the field.
5. To introduce students to Arabic primary sources in translation relating to the Crusades.

Course Tests and Assignments: Evaluation (See A&S Marking Scheme Form)

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COURSE WEBSITE ON BLACKBOARD (Bb)
Readings will be posted under the Course Materials folder. Lecture outlines and/or PowerPoint class presentations will be posted after each lecture. All announcements regarding the course will be emailed to students via Blackboard. Please make sure you visit Bb course website regularly.

READING ASSIGNMENTS
You are expected to complete required readings for each lecture before class. Readings for each class are listed below in the Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule. Readings that are not part of the course textbooks will be posted on Blackboard. You are encouraged to read further on your own.

REQUIRED TEXTS
There are three required texts for the course. You must purchase the following two texts from the University of Toronto Bookstore:


(2) Niall Christie, Muslims and Crusaders: Christianity's Wars in the Middle East, 1095-1382, from the Islamic Sources. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Also, you must download the following textbook from the University of Toronto Library (UTL) Catalogue:

TERM WORK

Attendance and participation (15%): You are expected to attend every lecture. This mark will reflect your attendance of lectures. There will be NO EXTRA POINTS FOR ASKING QUESTIONS. The attendance grade will only reflect your presence in the classroom and your participation in ANSWERING questions posed to students sometimes by the instructor during the lecture. That being said, I very much welcome any questions students might raise about the lecture content.

Map Test (10%): A sense of geography is essential to the study of Islamic history. This 15-minute map test is intended to familiarize you with the location of some major geographical features (regions, rivers, seas, cities, etc.), knowledge of which is necessary to an understanding of the Islamic Middle East during the Age of the Crusades and even the current events in the modern Middle East today.

The map test will take place at the beginning of Lecture 4, Monday July 13. Students are expected to answer a number of questions relating to geographical locations and then placing the answer for each question on a provided map.

Five (5) In-class Quizzes (5 x 4% = 20%): Five (5) in-class quizzes will test your reading and understanding of the required readings for the lecture on which each one of the five quizzes is scheduled. They will consist of short answers, fill in the blanks, multiple choice questions, chronology, and/or geographical knowledge.

In-class quizzes will take place at the beginning of the lecture. Quizzes will last 10-15 minutes. In order to have ample time to complete the quiz, and out of respect to your colleagues, please make sure you arrive to lectures on time.

Midterm (20%): The two-hour in-class midterm will test that you have read all required readings up to the midterm, followed and understood the lectures, and read and analysed the primary documents assigned for each lecture. The midterm will check your knowledge of major terms, concepts, individuals, events, chronology, and geographical knowledge and will identify your understanding and analysis of major issues in the field. The structure of the midterm will consist of a map exercise, short questions/fill in the blanks/choose the correct answer questions, a primary document analysis, and an essay question.

Faculty Final Exam (35%): The Faculty Final Exam is a cumulative/comprehensive exam and thus will cover the material from readings and lectures for the entire course. The Faculty Final Exam is three hours long. Its format will be similar to the midterm but longer. The Faculty Final Exam will take place during the official exam period (August 11-17). It is administered by the Registrar’s office. Therefore, if you happen to miss the Faculty Final, you will have to petition to take a deferred exam (medical note and/or other supporting documents will be MANDATORY). Do not make travel plans during the exam period until your exam schedule is confirmed.
GRADING:
Please see the Arts & Science Calendar for Summer 2015. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Arts and Science regulations, definition of grade categories (what is an A?, etc.), and other useful information.

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS:
The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca or http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING COMPLETION OF TERM WORK:
You are responsible for completing the term work for this course (in-class map test, in-class quizzes, midterm, final exam, attendance) by the deadlines indicated. If you are experiencing personal difficulties or health problems during the course, you should consult with your college registrar immediately, not after the missed deadline or test!!! Faculty regulations will apply regarding all term work and exams. See relevant sections of the Arts & Science Academic Handbook or Calendar Summer 2015.

Medical excuses must be submitted on the University of Toronto Student Medical Certificate form; doctors’ notes are no longer accepted. See the Arts & Science, St. George Campus, Registration Handbook & Timetable, Summer 2015.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:
Cheating during quizzes, midterm, and/or final exam will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating shall be immediately asked to leave the classroom and will receive a zero. Further penalties may be applicable. Please consult the Faculty of Arts and Science Calendar and regulations. Although there are no take-home writing assignments, you are still expected to know what constitutes plagiarism. It is an academic offence which may have serious consequences. Please make sure you familiarize yourself with what constitutes plagiarism. Consult the writing website from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty’s calendar and regulations.

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NMC277H1S – THE CRUSADES: ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES
LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

NOTE: Not all required readings and required primary sources for each lecture are from the three assigned textbooks for this course. Required readings and required primary sources that are not from the three assigned textbooks will be provided by the instructor on Blackboard under the “Course Materials” folder.

Monday June 29
LECTURE 1 – Course Introduction; Overview: Crusades and Muslim Counter-Crusades

Required Readings:
- Barker, “Crusades”, in Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th ed. London, 1911, ONLY sections 1 (Meaning of the Crusades) and 2 (Historical Causes of the Crusades)
- Irwin, “Muslim Responses to the Crusades”, pp. 43-49.

Wednesday July 1 – NO CLASSES – Canada Day

Monday July 6
LECTURE 2 – The Political and Religious Landscape of the Islamic World at the Eve of the First Crusade

***QUIZ #1***

Required Readings:
- Christie, Muslims and Crusaders, pp. 6-17
- Hillenbrand, The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives, pp. 31-50

Required Primary Sources:
- al-Jahiz, “From the Merits of the Turks,” in McNeil and Waldman, The Islamic World, pp. 113-17
- Allen and Amt, eds., The Crusades: A Reader, pp. 31-34 (Matthew of Edessa on the Seljuk Conquests)
- Hillenbrand, Turkish Myth and Muslim Symbol, pp. 37-44 (Account of Ibn al-Jawzi of Battle of Manzikert) (SCAN ONLY)
Wednesday July 8
LECTURE 3 – From the First Crusade to the Fall of Frankish Edessa (1096-1146): Muslim Disunity, Early Muslim Responses, and the Rise of ‘Imad al-Din Zangi

***QUIZ #2***

Required Readings:
- Christie, *Muslims and Crusaders*, pp. 18-29
- Hillenbrand, *Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, pp. 50-84
- Mayer, *The Crusades*, pp. 38-57 (excellent survey of the events of the First Crusade)
- Irwin, “Islam and the Crusades, 1096-1699” in *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Crusades*, pp. 211-227
- Humphreys, “Zengids, Ayyubids and Seljuqs”, pp. 732-37

Required Primary Sources:
- Speech of Pope Urban II at Clermont, 1095 (Read first version by Fulcher of Chartres, *Gesta Francorum Jerusalem Expugnantium*)
- Christie, pp. 127-128 (Doc 4), 129-131 (Doc 5i(a)-(c) ONLY), 133-135 (Doc 6)

Monday July 13
LECTURE 4 – From the Second Crusade to the Fall of Jerusalem (1148-1193): Nur al-Din, Saladin and the intensification of jihad

***MAP TEST***

Required Readings:
- Christie, *Muslims and Crusaders*, pp. 30-57
- Hillenbrand, *Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, pp. 116-195
- Humphreys, “Zengids, Ayyubids and Seljuqs”, pp. 737-47
- Gibb, “The Achievement of Saladin”, pp. 44-60
- Talmon-Heller, “Islamic Preaching in Syria during the Counter-Crusade (Twelfth-Thirteenth Centuries)”, pp. 61-75

Required Primary Sources:
- Christie, pp. 135-37 (Doc 7), 138-39 (Doc 9)
- Gabrieli, pp. 39-63, 72-75, 83-102, 125-127, 133-40 (SCAN ONLY)
Wednesday July 15
LECTURE 5 – From Disunity to Final Muslim Victory (1193-1291): the Later Ayyubids, the Mamluks, Mongols, and the end of the Crusader presence in the Levant

***QUIZ #3***

Required Readings:
- Christie, Muslims and Crusaders, pp. 88-114
- Hillenbrand, Crusades: Islamic Perspectives, pp. 195-248
- Irwin, The Middle East in the Middle Ages, “Introduction” and “Chapter 1”, pp. 1-23

Required Primary Sources:
- Christie, pp. 153-158 (Docs. 16-17 – Fifth Crusade; Frederick II)
- Gabrieli, pp. 168-180 (Crusade of Louis IX and his capture; end of Ayyubids in Egypt)
- Christie, pp. 158-159 (Battle of ‘Ayn Jalut), 161-163 (Doc 20)

Monday July 20 – ***MIDTERM***

Wednesday July 22
LECTURE 6 – Arabic Historiography of the Crusades: Arabic Sources on the Period

Required Readings:
- Ahmad, “Some Notes on Arabic Historiography during the Zengid and Ayyubid Periods (521/1127 – 648/1250),” pp. 79-97
- Dajani-Shakeel, “A Reassessment of Some Medieval and Modern Perceptions of the Counter-Crusade”, pp. 41-70
- Mallett, “Islamic Historians of the Ayyūbid Era and Muslim Rulers from the Early Crusading Period”, pp. 241-52

Recommended (NOT REQUIRED) Readings:
- Hillenbrand, “Sources in Arabic,” pp. 283-304
- Little, “Historiography of the Ayyūbid and Mamlük epochs”, pp. 412-432
- Hirschler, Medieval Arabic historiography: Authors as Actors, pp. 15-42
Monday July 27
LECTURE 7 – Religious, Institutional, and Cultural Responses to Crusades: Sunni Revival, Madrasa Institution, Sufism, and Extolling Jerusalem

***QUIZ #4***

**Required Readings:**

A. Sunni Revival and Madrasa Institution

- Tabaa, *The Transformation of Islamic Art During the Sunni Revival*, pp. 11-24
- “Madrasa” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam, 2nd ed.*, READ ONLY section 4 “4. The origin and spread of the madrasa proper” (UTL online)
- Leiser, “The madrasa and Islamization of the Middle East – The Case of Egypt”, pp. 29-47

B. Sufism

- Holt, *The Age of the Crusades*, pp. 77-81
- Ephrat and Mahamid, “The Creation of Sufi Spheres”, pp. 1-20 (SCAN only)
- Makdisi, “Sunni Revival”, 155-68 (SCAN only but focus on role of Sufism in Sunni Revival)

C. Extolling Jerusalem and Merits of Pilgrimage

- Sivan, “The Beginnings of the *Fada’il al-Quds* Literature”, pp. 263-71
- Dajani Shakeel, “Al-Quds: Jerusalem in the Consciousness of the Counter-Crusade”, pp. 201-21

**Required Primary Sources:**

- Gabrieli, p. 103 (Saladin instituting madrasas)
- Christie, pp. 137-138 (al-Wasiti, Extracts from *The Merits of Jerusalem* (Doc. 8))

Wednesday July 29
LECTURE 8 – Shi'ism and the Crusades: The Isma'īlīs

***QUIZ #5***

**Required Readings**

- Daftary, *The Isma‘īlīs in Medieval Muslim Societies*, “The Syrian Isma'ilis and the Crusaders: History and Myth”, pp. 149-70

Monday August 3 – NO CLASSES: CIVIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday August 6
LECTURE 9 – A. Muslim Views of the Crusaders;
B. Muslim-Frankish Cultural, Diplomatic, and Economic Exchanges

Required Readings:
A. Muslim Views of the Crusaders
- “diughrafiyya” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 2nd edition, (UTL online) (SCAN ONLY to understand the richness of geography and travel accounts in medieval Islamic history)

B. Cooperation and Coexistence: Cultural, Diplomatic, and Economic Exchange
- Christie, *Muslims and Crusaders*, pp. 62-76

Required Primary Sources:
- Christie, pp. 125-127 (Doc. 3: Al-Mas’udi on the Franks); pp. 159-161 (Qalawun’s Treaty with the Lady of Tyre, 1285) (Doc 19))
- Gabrieli, pp. 44-48 (from Usama b. Munqidh’s *Book of Wisdom*), 49-51

Monday August 10
Lecture 10 – The Crusades Today: the Modern Middle East and the Legacy of the Crusades

Required Readings:
- Christie, *Muslims and Crusaders*, 112-119
- Hillenbrand, *Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, pp. 589-614
- Abouali, “Saladin’s Legacy in the Middle East before the Nineteenth Century”, pp. 175-185
- Chamberlain, “Imagining Defeat: An Arabic Historiography of the Crusades”, pp. 21-62 (full text online on google)
- Peters, “The Firanj Are Coming—Again” (2004), pp. 3-17
- David Ohana, “Are Israelis the New Crusaders?” , pp. 36-42

August 11-17 – ***FINAL EXAM (TBA)***
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ASSIGNED READINGS


Irwin, Robert. “Muslim Responses to the Crusades” (1997), History Today 47.4: 43-49 (online UTL).


“Madrasa” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 2nd ed.


Pope Urban II, Speech at Clermont, 1095 (version by Fulcher of Chartres: Gesta Francorum Jerusalem Expugnantium), online: Medieval Sourcebook, Fordham University <http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/urban2-5vers.asp#Fulcher>.


