COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Have acquired a broad understanding of the history of the Mediterranean and the Byzantine as well as the Ottoman period.

2. Have acquired the ability to present, using a diachronic perspective, original research on an insular site of choice in the form of a written academic-style paper.

3. Have acquired a familiarity with a range of forms of material evidence for pre-industrial civilization, and an understanding of how they can be exploited in combination with literary and documentary evidence.

SYLLABUS:

**Week 1**
Introduction to the course: the Mediterranean (islands) and their historiography.


**Week 2**
Theoretical and methodological issues for studying islands historically.


**Week 3**
What is an island anyway?

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| Week 6 | Presentations (Round 1) |

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Week 9  Cities of Islands: Cyprus and Crete


Week 10  Sicily between Byzantium and the Normans.


Week 11  The Western Insular World: Sardinia, Corsica, the Balearics, and Malta.


Week 12  The Aegean Sea: from Rome to the Beyliks and the early Ottomans.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

1. In-class Participation (20%).
2. Oral Presentations (40%)
3. Research Paper (40%)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL EXAM:

In order to qualify for the final exam, students must have no more than 10 absences and have acquired a minimum of 30 points of the total course grade.