

**Western University**

- Sept. 12/14 Introduction (course outline, books), Architecture (castles, video), Feudal System  
**Readings:** Gies I “The Castle Comes to England”, II “The Lord of the Castle”
- Sept. 19/21 Architecture, Interior Decoration (churches, monasteries, peasant and burgher houses)  
**Readings:** Gies III “The Castle as a House”, VIII “The Villagers”
- Sept. 26/28 Movie *The Name of the Rose*, heretical movements in the Middle Ages  
**[three possible topics for oral presentation due Sept. 26]**
- Oct. 3/5 Furniture, Clothing, Fashion, Food, **Reading:** Gies V “The Household”, “A Day in the Castle” **[three possible topics for essay due Oct. 3]**
- Oct. 10 **Thanksgiving**
- Oct. 12 Travel (pilgrimages, crusades, explorations)
- Oct. 17/19 video [Crusades I] Medicine (prevention, diagnosis, remedies, surgery, bloodletting, leprosy, plague) **Readings:** Hartmann von Aue, *Der Arme Heinrich*  
**Readings:** Gies V “The Household”, XI “The Castle Year”
- Oct. 24/26 Medicine, War. **Readings:** Gies IX “The Making of a Knight”, X “The Castle at War”
- Oct. 31 Sexuality, Procreation
- Nov. 2 **MIDTERM**
- Nov. 7/9 Courtly Love, Love Poetry (esp. Walther von der Vogelweide)  
**Reading:** Gies IV “The Lady”
- Nov. 14/16 *Nibelungenlied* (history, music)  
**Readings:** *Nibelungenlied*, Gies VII “Hunting as a Way of Life”
- Nov. 21/23 Discussion of selected adventures of *Nibelungenlied*; **Reading:** *Nibelungenlied*
- Nov. 28/30 *Tristan* (myth, different versions), Aspects of daily life in *Tristan*, Arthurian Romances (*Erec*, *Yvain*) **Reading:** *Tristan*
- Nov. 10/12 Religious Epics (Hartmann von Aue’s *Gregorius*). Life and literature in late-medieval towns; **Reading:** *Tristan*
- Dec. 5/7 Waning of the Middle Ages (printing, discoveries, Reformation)  
**Reading:** Gies XII “The Decline of the Castle”, Format of Final Exam

**Antirequisite(s):** German 4451F/G, CLC 2236F/G.

**Prerequisite(s):** CLC 1020 or 1040, or Medieval Studies 1022, 1025A/B or 1026A/B or permission of the Department.

**Corequisite(s):**

**Pre-or Corequisite(s):** CLC 2200F/G, CLC 3300F/G or CLC 2204F/G, 2205F/G or permission of the Department.