



MEDIEVAL MEDICINE

UNIVERSITÄT ZU KÖLN / SOMMERSEMESTER 2011

Hauptseminar: Tuesday 2:00-3:30

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A. Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is twofold. First, participants will engage in an in-depth study of the origins and development of medieval medicine. Second, students will be asked to think, speak, and write critically about both primary and secondary texts. The course should thus be of use to students preparing for content-based examinations, training to be effective and engaging teachers, and/or planning to pursue more advanced degrees in medieval history.

B. Class Participation, Online, and Written Assignments

Class Participation:

A. Reading

All readings for the course will be posted at least one week before the class date on ILIAS. Each student in the class is responsible, each week, for doing the reading. There are few things less interesting than two hours in a room with students who have not prepared for class!

B. Class Presentation:

Your topic group (determined at the first class meeting) must select its readings TWO WEEKS before the class meeting for which your topic is scheduled. One of these readings must be a **primary source**. This source may be offered in English or German translation, together with the Latin original (when relevant). Those working with Greek, Hebrew or Arabic texts may provide a translation only. Please be sure to make an appointment to speak with me, or come together to my office hours, at least two weeks before the date of your presentation. A set of study questions and a thesis paper must ready to post to ILIAS ONE WEEK in advance. If you fail to provide these materials on time, not only will your final course participation grade be reduced, but -- even worse -- your fellow students will be annoyed! A seminar is an intellectual community whose success is the responsibility of each participant!

C. General Participation

I define 'Active Participation' in the following way:

1. *Physical presence at all class meetings.* I will not give an 'aktiv Teilnahme' Schein to any student who misses more than TWO class meetings, or to any student who misses the session for which his/her group is responsible for the presentation. No exceptions will be made without a valid doctor's note AND a written make-up assignment.

2. *Engaged and informed participation in class meetings.* This means that you have read the assigned texts, the thesis paper of the presenters, and taken seriously the provided discussion questions. Sending text messages, checking email, or engaging in side conversations is disrespectful. Please save these activities for before or after class, or for breaks. You will be considered absent if you arrive more than 15 minutes late or leave class more than 15 minutes before the end of the session.

Class Bibliography:

As part of the course, we will develop an extensive bibliography on Zotero. In order to use Zotero, you must download the most recent version of the web browser Firefox and the add-on Zotero. All of these are free and are available for both Mac and PC. A basic bibliography for the course is already available in the Zotero Group Library 'Uni Köln Medieval Medicine Hauptseminar'. Each student will receive an 'invitation' to join this group via email after the first class meeting. We will discuss Zotero during the first class meeting.

Written Seminar Paper:

Students who need a 'Leistungsnachweis' must submit a 20-page written seminar paper on a topic of their choice (final deadline: 1 October 2011). This topic can, but needn't necessarily, emerge from your group's topic area. All papers should be submitted via **email** to Professor Beach in **pdf format** with the following in the subject line: **Medieval Medicine 2011 Paper [your last name]**

Your paper must include the following elements:

1. A full bibliography on your topic. Please use the citation system of your choice.
2. A clear and explicitly stated research **PROBLEM**.
3. A clear and explicitly stated research **THESIS**.
4. Well-selected and convincing **EVIDENCE** to support this thesis.
5. Neat presentation in a standard 12-point font, double-spaced throughout (including footnotes, not endnotes please), and with each page numbered.

Please plan to visit my office hours at least once during the semester to discuss your choice of topic and your progress. I do not tolerate plagiarism in any form! Be sure you document all of your sources carefully and do not 'borrow' ideas from printed sources or the Internet. You will receive a grade of 6 for any paper that contains plagiarism.

C. Seminar Schedule by Group

Chronological Survey

Group 1: Late Antique & Early Medieval Medicine

Planning Meeting: 7 April

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 19 April

Presentation: 26 April

Group 2: Traditions of Arabic & Jewish Medicine

Planning Meeting: 14 April

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 26 April

Presentation: 3 May

Group 3: Medicine and the Schools; Salerno/Chartres and other Cathedral Schools

Planning Meeting: 26 April

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 3 May

Presentation: 10 May

Group 4: Medicine and University Culture

Planning Meeting: 3 May

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 10 May

Presentation: 17 May

Special Topics**Group 5: The Moral Implications of Disease**

Planning Meeting: 10 May

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 17 May

Presentation: 24 May

Group 6: Herbs and Pharmaceuticals

Planning Meeting: 17 May

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 24 May

Presentation: 31 May

Group 7: Doctors, Hospitals, Barbers, and Surgeons

Planning Meeting: 24 May

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 31 May

Presentation: 7 June

Group 8: Plagues & Peoples

Planning Meeting: 10 June (!)

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 21 June

Presentation: 28 June

Group 9: Madness & Civilization

Planning Meeting: 10 June (!)

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 28 June

Presentation: 5 July

Group 10: Sexuality & Gender

Planning Meeting: 28 June

Readings, Study Questions, and Thesis Paper Due: 5 July

Presentation: 12 July

Summary Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Presentation
05.04	Organization & Planning; Opening Discussion of Medicine and History	Prof. Beach
Chronological Survey		
12.04	Hippocrates, Dioscorides, Galen: Classical Medical Traditions	Prof. Beach
17.04	<i>No Class: NRW Osterferien</i>	--
26.04	Late Antique & Early Medieval Medicine	Group 1
03.05	Traditions of Arabic & Jewish Medicine	Group 2
10.05	Medicine and the Schools: Salerno/Chartres and other Cathedral Schools	Group 3
17.05	Medicine and University Culture	Group 4
Special Topics		
24.05	The Moral Implications of Disease	Group 5
31.05	Herbs and Pharmaceuticals	Group 6
07.06	Doctors, Hospitals, Barbers and Surgeons	Group 7
14.06	<i>No Class: Pfingstferien</i>	--
21.06	<i>No Class: Nuns' Literacies Conference (Hull, UK)</i>	--
28.06	Plagues & Peoples	Group 8
05.07	Madness & Civilization	Group 9
12.07	Sexuality & Gender	Group 10