COURSE SYLLABUS, History 335-01: William J. Hamblin
The Crusades: Winter 2011, MWF 9-9:50 pm (275 MARB)

• “Verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should . . . obtain a knowledge of history.”
D&C 93:53
• Class motto: “Aut disce, aut discede; manet sors tertia, caedi.” = Either learn or depart; a third choice remains—to be flogged.
• Note: You are responsible for the information on this syllabus. Ignore it at your peril. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

1. OBJECTIVES:
We will examine the history of the Crusades in the Near East from A.D. 1095-1291.

2. INSTRUCTOR:
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Note please take simple problems and questions about records and administration to the TA first; if he cannot help, then come to me.

3. REQUIRED TEXTS: (From the Bookstore)
• Hillenbrand, Carole, The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives (Routledge, 2000)
• Tyerman, Christopher, God’s War: A New History of the Crusades, (Harvard UP, 2009)
• Additional materials (lecture outlines, bibliography, etc.) can be found on Blackboard
The reading assignment load will average about 100 pages per week.

3b. Optional texts (on Reserve in HBLL)
See course schedule

4. GRADING:
Grades will be based on five factors that total 1000 points:

5.1 Mid-Term Exam 250
5.2 A Term Paper 300
5.3 10 (13) Quizzes or homework assignments (10 pts) 100 (of 130)
5.4 Primary Source Report 100
5.4 Final Exam (not comprehensive) 250
Grand total 1000

The percentage grade curve is as follows: A = 93-100, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82; the same curve applies to other grades.
Note on “Make-up” Quizzes and Tests: There will be regular pop quizzes on the reading assignments for that day. There are no make-up quizzes! Instead, your lowest two grades (25 points) on the quizzes will be dropped. Thereafter, you take the losses. The dropping of the lowest two quizzes is designed to accommodate legitimate excuses, not so you can fool around. If you know in advance you will miss the days of the test, you must take the test before the scheduled test day. Make-up tests after the exam date will be essay exams. There are no exceptions to this rule, so don’t ask. You may not take the final early except for medical emergency. (The claim that your mom scheduled your airline ticket on the wrong day, or that you are getting married on the day of the final are not medical excuses.) Tests may include all types of questions: T/F, multiple choice, matching, fill in blank, short answer and essays, and will be administered at the Testing Center.

5. COURTESY: Whispering, flirting, snoring, evil speaking, and other forms of disturbance will not be tolerated. Students causing any form of disturbance (as judged by the professor or teaching assistants) will receive a warning and be docked 5 points. If problems persist, they will be expelled from class. In a class this size it is very important to be considerate of your neighbors who are actually trying to listen.

6. CHEATING: Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing on their assignments, quizzes, tests or paper will fail this course! No Exceptions! If you repent and confess before you are caught mercy may be obtainable. For more information, see: http://www.byu.edu/honorcode

7. TERM PAPER: 300 points (30%) of your grade will be based on a term paper with the following requirements.

1. The term paper can be on any topic of relating to the Crusades or Near Eastern history from roughly AD 1050-1350.
2. All parts of this assignment must be typed, double spaced, 12 point font, one inch margins. Hand written submissions will be returned ungraded. You can always hand in your paper assignments early.
3. Mon 19 Jan (15 points): Paper Topics and one paragraph summary due.
4. Fri 21 Jan (15 Points): Primary Source title due.
5. We 2 Feb (35 points): Bibliography. Must be divided into primary and secondary sources. If a book is in your bibliography, it means you know you have access to it, not that it theoretically exists somewhere. The use of primary sources will be required for this paper. If you don’t have access to primary sources, pick a different topic. Wikipedia, etc. is not a legitimate academic source.
6. Wed 16 Feb (50 points): Rough Outline. Double-spaced, two pages. Let me know the direction you plan to take on your paper. This is not to be a poorly conceived and developed idea. It should represent significant progress on your paper. The more developed your outline the better I can evaluate it.
7. Mon 4 Mar (85 points): Primary Source report due (2-3 pages).
8. Mon 28 Mar (200 pts): Final Draft of the Paper is due, 8-10 pages.
9. Any part of the paper handed in late will be docked 10% for the first week, 20% for the second. The paper will not be accepted if it is more than two weeks late.

10. Do not plagiarize! If you do so you will fail this course. Plagiarism is copying, quoting, or paraphrasing sources without quotation marks and/or attribution. If you have a question about what I consider plagiarism, ask me.

8. Problems. If you have serious medical problems or other types of difficulties with the class, contact me as soon as possible. Do not wait to try to resolve problems until the end of the semester when it is too late to do anything.