The course is designed to acquaint students with the development of England’s political, constitutional, institutional, economic, and social life from c. 500 A.D. to c. 1485 A.D. Lectures will consider England’s geography, Roman rule, Germanic conquest, settlement, and significance as well the Norman Conquest and its impact on England, the development of the common law, challenges to royal authority, and the emergence of early modern England with the advent of Henry VII.

Texts:
Britain in the First Millennium, by James
England & Its Rulers, 1066-1272, 2nd ed., by Clanchy
Crown & Nobility, England, 1272-1461, by Tuck
Late Medieval England, 1399-1509 by Pollard
Medieval Feudalism, by Carl Stevenson

Assignments:
To be read by 1st Mid-term Examination—21 Sept. 2006.
James, entire book; Clanchy, ch. 1-4, ch. 5 pp. 75-84; All of Stevenson Medieval Feudalism; (Lecture Topics 1-12).

To be read by 2nd Mid-term—24 Oct. 2006.
Clanchy, ch. 5, pp. 84-98, ch. 6-11; (Lecture topics 13-17).

To be read by Final Examination—Thur., 7 Dec. 2006, 7:45 AM-10:15 AM. Clanchy, ch, 12; Tuck, entire book; Pollard, Ch. 1-13; (Lecture topics 18-22).

Bibliographic Essay:
Each student will select a topic of his choice related to medieval English History and read a minimum of 1500 pages in at least 7 scholarly source. The sources must be approved by the instructor. Students must submit a proposed topic and bibliography to the instructor for approval on Tue. 5 Sept. 2006. Each student must prepare a bibliographic essay of no more than 7 pages, and submit the essay to the instructor on 21 Nov. 2006. The essay must include a summary and evaluation of each author’s contribution to the student’s knowledge of the subject.
Lecture Topics:

1. Introduction
2. Celtic and Roman Britain
3. Anglo-Saxon Conquest and Settlement
4. Coming of Christianity
5. Anglo-Irish Renaissance
6. Norse Invasions, Conquests, and Settlements
7. Wessex and the Unification of England
8. Late Anglo-Saxon England
9. New Threats of Invasion and Conquest
10. Normandy and Duke William
11. Norman Conquest and Revolution
12. Civil War
13. Henry II—Restoration of Order, the Angevin Empire, Common Law, Church & State
14. Richard and John
15. Henry III
16. Edward I
17. Origins and Development of Parliament
18. Edward II
19. Edward III—Peace at Home, War Abroad
20. Richard II
21. Fifteenth Century—A Century of Turmoil
22. Henry VII—Restoration

Grading:

1st Mid-term Examination—30%
2nd Mid-Examination—30%
Final Examination—30%
Bibliographic Essay—10%

In order to pass the course all work must be completed and submitted on the assigned date and at the beginning of class.

No early examinations or make-up examinations will be given!

Examination Dates:
1st Mid-term—21 Sept. 2006
2nd Mid-term—24 Oct. 2006
Final—7 Dec. 2006, 7:45 AM–10:15 AM

This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor.
Turnitin, an online system to check plagiarism, will be used in the course.