

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 34026**Name:** The expansion and consolidation of Europe (11th-15th centuries)**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2026-27**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1005 - Degree in History	Facultat de Geografia i Història	2	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1005 - Degree in History	Universal medieval history	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

This course is part of the subject "Universal Medieval History" (12 credits), incorporated in turn within the module "Universal History" (66 credits), forming the second year course of the History degree. Its content is chronologically and thematically structured with that of the course "The Formation of Europe (5th-11th Centuries)", taught in the first semester. The objective is to offer students general knowledge of high and late medieval society.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Given the chronological and terminological relationship between both courses, you are recommended to first do the course The Formation of Europe (5th-11th Centuries).



COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to communicate and argue orally and in writing in one's own language using the terminology and techniques of the profession.

Be able to learn autonomously.

Be able to make abstractions, to analyse and to synthesise.

Be able to transcribe, summarise and catalogue information appropriately.

Be aware of the ongoing nature of historical debate and research.

Demonstrate organisational and planning skills.

Have critical and self-critical capacity.

Have critical knowledge of the different historiographic perspectives in the different periods and contexts.

Have detailed knowledge of one or more specific periods of humanity's past.

Have problem-solving skills.

Know European history.

Know the general diachronic framework of the past.

Show awareness of and respect for views deriving from other cultural or national backgrounds.

Show critical awareness of the relationship between current events and processes and the past.

Show motivation for quality.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. The political construction of feudal Europe (11th-13th centuries).

Feudalism and feudal institutions. The construction of feudal monarchies. The political expansion of Latin Christianity.

2. The Church in feudal times (11th-13th centuries).

The Gregorian Reforms. The renewal of Benedictine monasticism. Heresies and mendicant orders.



3. Medieval agrarian expansion and feudal lordship (9th-13th centuries).

Population growth and agrarian expansion. Agricultural uses and technical development. The feudal lordship.

4. The medieval city (11th-13th centuries).

Origins of the medieval city. Mercantile development. The urban society.

5. The formation of national states (14th-15th centuries).

Political crisis and military conflicts in Atlantic Europe. Political thought and monarchical ideology. Development of the royal administration.

6. The crisis of the Church and the birth of secularism (14th-15th centuries).

Development of educational institutions. The Avignon Papacy, the Schism and the Conciliar Movement. Secular religiosity in the late Middle Ages.

7. Crisis and economic transformations of late medieval society (14th-15th centuries).

The agrarian crisis and the reconstruction process. Cities, industry and commerce in the late Middle Ages. The late medieval society.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Other activities	15,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	90,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00



Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

A) Attendance at lectures

- 1) Theoretical lectures (30 hours): the lecturers will expound the essential aspects of the subject, and will systematise the content and provide and supply further reading in order to prepare for the examination.
- 2) Practical lectures (15 hours): analysis of texts, maps and other materials supplied by the lecturer to complement the theoretical lectures, and the preparation of individual practical assignments.
- 3) Attendance at seminars or complementary activities (15 hours) scheduled by the Faculty and/or the lecturers. The lecturer will develop the teaching programme and the appropriate assessment mechanisms in the appendix.

B) Tutorials:

The students' timetable will include attention by the lecturers in charge of the course so that they may voluntarily consult the latter about the subject and the academic organisation. Tutorial times will be displayed on the Medieval History Department noticeboard and in the Virtual Classroom.

C) Study and preparation of lectures, assignments and examinations:

Throughout the semester the lecturer will establish a series of compulsory activities for students, related to theoretical training and problem solving. These are to be done in the student's own time, and assessment of them will be reflected in the final course grade. This section is specifically explained, for each group, in the Appendix.

EVALUATION

The **final** course **evaluation** in the first round will be made according to the following procedure:

1 A **written examination** to be done on the date set by the university administration, in which the level of students' knowledge in accordance with the course objectives will be assessed, as well as correct written expression (from the expositional and the terminological points of view), and the ability to relate and construct arguments. The specific examination procedures will be established by each lecturer. It will be necessary to **obtain a mark of 4 out of 10 in the examination** in order to be able to incorporate the



remaining grades (practical work, reading controls, complementary activities).

2 Different types of **individual assignments** that affect both the process of comprehension of the historical knowledge explained in the lecture theatre and the practical analysis of historical sources. The nature of these assignments will be established by each lecturer in the APPENDIX

3 Lecturers will notify the deadline and the evaluation procedures for the **complementary activity** agreed upon by the Degree Coordination Department, depending on their nature (writing of papers, attendance control, etc.).

4 The percentage represented by each of the evaluation examinations in the final course grade will be as follows:

- a) Final examination 60-70%
- b) Individual assignments 20-30%
- c) Complementary activities 10%

The **second round** will observe the following specifications:

1 An **examination** to be done on the date established by the university administration, which will **follow the evaluation criteria established in the first round examination**.

2 The grade obtained in the previously submitted individual **practical assignments** will be conserved, although they may be repeated and reassessed, always at the discretion of the lecturer.

3 **Reading controls** and **complementary activities** will only be included in the second round evaluation if they were completed before the corresponding deadlines during the course.

Mistakes with regard to spelling, syntax and/or written expression will be marked negatively in the grading of all the written examinations and an accumulation of them may lead to students failing the course.

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