Northwestern University Department of

Art History.

Course Number AH 225	Course Title Introduction to Medi	eval Art	
Quarter/Year Fall 2021	Day/Time TR 12:30-1:50	Instructor Normore	Distro Fulfillment 200-level; pre-1400 CE



Course Description

This course offers an introduction to major artistic monuments and artistic developments of the medieval period (roughly 300-1450 CE) with a focus on Europe. It surveys a diverse range of works of art and architecture from this period and positions them within their original social, political, economic and spiritual contexts. Lectures and discussion sections will trace the shifting ways in which images were defined and perceived over time and consider how the flow of objects and styles linked Europeans to broader world systems. We will also identify key moments in the birth and development of architectural forms still common today such as churches and mosques. Students will develop skills in visual analysis and gain a basic understanding of the methods and aims of art historical study.

Required Textbooks

Readings available on Canvas.

Assessments

Midterm and final exam; two papers; participation in class and sections



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