

The University of Toronto

COURSE TITLE

German 426H / Fall 2010

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DESCRIPTION

The course is an introduction to the German language and literature of the Middle Ages. The reading and translation of exemplary medieval German texts will provide an insight into epochal cultural concepts like courtly love and chivalry as well as courtly and monastic formations of identity. We will learn to read these text in the original medieval German language. In addition part of the course will be devoted to all aspects of medieval German culture, including its rich manuscript culture. We will tackle foundational texts like the first love poems in the German language as well as narratives about knighthood and the quest for spiritual salvation. No previous exposure to medieval culture required!

REQUIREMENTS

Class participation (10%); assignment (10%); two tests (translation, historical grammar and semantics; 20% each); one term paper of 1500 words (40%).

MATERIALS

A course reader is available from Tru Copy, Bay and St. Joseph Street.

CALENDAR

Sep 13/15, 2010

Introduction: What is Middle High German and why studying it?

Translation training: Der Kürenberger: ‚Ich zôch mir einen falcken‘; Dietmar von Eist (5)

Sep 20/22

Middle High German and New High German. MHG pronunciation and standard spelling

Manuscript Culture

Hartmann von Aue: *Gregorius* 171-272

Minnesang: Anonymous 8, Dietmar von Eist (9);

Sep 27/29

Strong verbs and Ablaut

Minnesang: Der Kürenberger (10-20)

Oct 4/6

Weak verbs and i-mutation; MHG syntax

Manuscript Culture II; What is Courtly Literature?

Plot; places, spaces, and settings in *Gregorius*

The hero's parents: *Gregorius* 273-334.

Oct 6 Assignment Due: Bibliographical Quiz

Oct 11

The first crossing: *Gregorius* 699-766.

German Middle Ages on the Internet

Oct 13

Field Trip, Thomas Fisher Rare Books Library: Facsimiles of Medieval German Manuscripts

Oct 18/20

MHG nouns: some special cases; i-mutation (review)

Chivalry. Hartmann von Aue: *Gregorius* **1359-1648**

Oct 25 **Test 1**

Oct 27 Chivalry. Hartmann von Aue: *Gregorius* **2165-2177; 2225-2245**

Nov 1/3

Minnesang: Heinrich von Morungen (**71; 72**)

Nov 8 Fall Break

Nov 10

Minnesang. Pastourelle and Dawn Song: Walther von der Vogelweide (**103, 104**), Wolfram von Eschenbach (115, **116**)

Nov 15/17

Gegensang: Neidhart (**128**), Steinmar (**140**)

Nov 22/24

Gregorius on the stone. *Gregorius* **3086-3136**.

Nov 24 term paper due

Nov 29/Dec 1

The „twice-born hero“. *Gregorius* **3653-3673; 3959-3988**.

Dec 6 Test 2