

**HISTORY 165
THE MONGOL EMPIRE**

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Office Hours:
Mon. 1:30-3:00
Thur. 1:30-2:30

CLASS SCHEDULE:

1. Th. Jan. 19 Who were the Mongols and what does it matter?
2. Tu. Jan. 24 Nomad Origins and Lifestyle
3. Th. Jan. 26 Discussion: Nomadism
4. Tu. Jan. 31 Movie: Grass
5. Th. Feb. 2 Discussion: Tribes and Genealogies
6. Tu. Feb. 7 Early Nomad Empires
7. Th. Feb. 9 Discussion: Nomad and Settled
8. Tu. Feb. 14 The Turkic Khaghanate and its Legacy
9. Th. Feb. 16 Discussion: Nomad Empire Building
10. Tu. Feb. 21 Chinggis Khan
- Th. Feb. 23 NO CLASS: MONDAY SCHEDULE
11. Tu. Feb. 28 Chinggis Khan's Death and Family Politics
12. Th. Mar. 2 Discussion: The Secret History
13. Tu. Mar. 7 The Early Mongol Empire and its Impact
14. Th. Mar. 9 Discussion: Facts and Suppositions
15. Tu. Mar. 14 The Establishment of the Mongol Empire
16. Th. Mar. 16 Discussion: Mongol Empire Building
17. Tu. Mar. 28 Administration and Trade in the Mongol Empire
18. Th. Mar. 30 Discussion: Controversies in Mongol History
19. Tu. Apr. 4 The Mongols in the Islamic World
20. Th. Apr. 6 Discussion: European Sources on the Mongols
21. Tu. Apr. 11 The Mongols, Russia and the West

22. Th. Apr. 13 Discussion: Persian Views of the Mongols
23. Tu. Apr. 18 The Mongols in China
24. Th. Apr. 20 Discussion: Judgements on the Mongols
25. Tu. Apr. 25 Mongol Succession States and Nomad Decline
26. Th. Apr. 27 The Mongols and History: Who Cares and Why

COURSE READING: The following books are available from the bookstore, and on reserve at Tisch Library. Additional materials will be made available in xerox and can be bought at the History Department office. Some further readings are assigned from books on reserve. Assigned videos are on reserve at Tisch Media Center.

David Christian, *A History of Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia*, vol. I
 Paul Kahn, ed. and trans., *The Secret History of the Mongols: The Origin of Chingis Khan*
 Peter Jackson, *The Mongols and the West*
 D.O. Morgan, *The Mongols*

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Map quiz, Feb. 7
 Take-home midterm, Mar. 7
 Term paper, 10-12 pages, due April 18
 Final Exam, 48 hour take-home, due May 8

Late papers drop a grade point. Make-up exams and paper extensions will be granted only for compelling reasons, given in advance.

WEEKLY READINGS ASSIGNMENTS:

Week of Jan. 19:

View "Legacy of Chinggis Khan," on reserve at Tisch Media Center
 CHRISTIAN, Chapt. 1

Week of Jan. 24

View: "Close to Eden" (on reserve at Tisch Media Center)
 Thomas Barfield, *The Nomadic Alternative*, Chapt. 1, Chapt. 5, pp. 131-55. (xerox)

Week of Jan. 31:

F. Barth, *Nomads of South Persia*, Chapt. 3-5 (xerox).
 W. Lancaster, *The Rwala Bedouin Today*, Chapt. 1, 3-4 (xerox)

Week of Feb. 7:

CHRISTIAN, Chapt. 6, 8, and Chapt. 9 on Goths and Huns.
 Herodotus, Ssu-ma Ch'ien

Week of Feb. 14:

CHRISTIAN, Chapt. 10, 11
 MORGAN, Chapt. 2
 T. Allsen, "Spiritual Geography and Political Legitimacy in the Eastern Steppe." (xerox)
 Turkic inscriptions (xerox)
 KAHN, begin

Week of Feb. 21:

MORGAN, Chapt. 1, 3
 KAHN, continue

Week of Feb. 28:

finish KAHN
 J. Fletcher, "The Mongols: Social and Ecological Perspectives" (xerox)

Week of Mar. 7:

MORGAN, Chapt. 4
 CHRISTIAN, Chapt. 15, 16
 "Facts and Suppositions," (xerox)
 Begin "History of the Mongols," by Plano Carpini

Week of Mar. 14:

Allsen, *Mongol Imperialism*, Chapt. 2 (xerox)
 "History of the Mongols" by Plano Carpini, finish (xerox)
 JACKSON, Chapt. 1-3 (skim the first two chapters.)

Week of Mar. 28:

JACKSON, Chapt. 4-6
 begin William of Rubruck (xerox)
 "Controversies in Mongol History" (xerox)

Week of Apr. 4:

MORGAN, Chapt. 6-7
 JACKSON, Chapt. 7-8
 finish William of Rubruck (xerox)
 Bulls of Pope Innocent, Guyuk's letter to Pope Innocent. (xerox)

Week of Apr. 11:

MORGAN, Chapt. 6

Halperin (xerox)

Juwayni, Introduction, and description of conquests (xerox)

Ubayd al-Zakani, "Gorby and the Rats" (xerox)

Week of Apr. 18:

MORGAN, Chapt. 5, 8

JACKSON, Chapt. 11-12

T. Allsen, "Biography of a Cultural Broker. Bolad Ch'eng-Hsiang in China and Iran."
(xerox)

M. Biran, "The Mongol Transformation: from the Steppe to Eurasian Empire." (xerox)

Week of Apr. 25:

JACKSON, Chapt. 9

B.A.F. Manz, "Mongol History, Rewritten and Relived" (xerox)

"The Mongols in History" (xerox)