Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SOC313	Social Changes in Precapitalist Europe	5	6	0	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course aims to explore the socio-historical characteristics of Europe in the precapitalist era and formations preceding the modern state while assessing the debates on the autonomy of the economic sphere, secularization, capitalist transition.
Content	The study of both medieval times: First, the High Middle Ages was a difficult time justifying the negative description that is made of the Middle Ages. Period of invasions, generalized fear, decadence of culture. This period of misfortune was followed by another, the late Middle Ages that mark a great period of renewal and creativity. The course begins with this dual structure to end with the beginnings of the modern period.
References	Fernand Braudel, Grammaire des civilisations, Flammarion, 1987, pp. 347-373. Jean-François Lemarignier, La France médiévale - Institutions et société, Armand Colin, pp. 99- 161. Georges Duby, Guerriers et Paysans, Gallimard, Paris, 1973, pp.41-59. Georges Duby,Les Trois Ordres ou l'Imaginaire du féodalisme, Gallimard, 1978, pp.99-104. Marc Bloch, La société féodale, Albin Michel, 1989, pp.209-269. Perry Anderson, L'Etat absolutiste de ses origines et ses voies I, Paris, Maspero, 1978, pp.15-43. Perry Anderson, L'Etat absolutiste de ses origines et ses voies II, Paris, Maspero, 1978, pp.290-327 The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives, Carole Hillenbrand. New York: Routledge, 2000, pp.257-301 Amin Maalouf, Arapların Gözüyle Haçlı Seferleri, YKY,Istanbul Umberto Eco, Ortaçağı Düşlemek, Can Yayınları, 1997.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	General presentation
2	Historical Background: “The Barbarian Invasions” and the end of the Roman Empire
3	Religion and Societies
4	The Social Structure of Feudal Europe
5	Feudality or simply lordship ?
6	An important parenthesis: The Crusades
7	Midterm examination
8	Movie screening
9	Transition debate
10	Already a world economy ?
11	The Rise of Absolutism in Western Europe
12	Absolutism in Eastern Europe
13	1848 People’s spring ?
14	Course evaluation and discussion