Course Syllabus, Byzantine Empire, HIEU 104
MWF 1:00 – 1:50
Warren Lecture Hall 2205
Office: HSS 6012
Office Hours, MW 2:00 – 2:50

Books assigned for course:
Procopius, *The Secret History* (please get the Kaldellis translation)
Psellus, *Fourteen Byzantine Rulers*
Anna Comnena, *The Alexiad*

Week 1, The Byzantine Empire
Monday, March 28      Constantinople, the Heart of Empire
Wednesday, March 30   Byzantium’s Neighbors
Friday, April 1        Byzantium’s Greek, Roman and Christian Roots

Readings for the week: Begin *The Secret History*

Week 2, Justinian and the Greatness of Ancient Rome
Monday, April 4
Wednesday, April 6
Friday, April 8

Readings for the week: Finish reading *The Secret History*; Procopius, *On Racing Factions*, WebCT; *The Silk Industry*, WebCT; *Justinian Suppresses the Nika Rebellion*, WebCT; *The Plague*; *The Reconquest of Africa*

Week 3, Philosophy and Religion – Development and Conflict
Monday, April 11
Wednesday, April 13
Friday, April 15

Readings for the week:

Week 4, Byzantium’s Dark Ages, the 7th Century
Monday, April 18
Wednesday, April 20
Friday, April 22
Readings for the week: The Life of St. Demetrius, webCT; Theophanes parts 1 and 2, webCT.

Week 5, Monasticism and Iconoclasm
Monday, April 25
Wednesday, April 27
Friday, April 29    Midterm Exam In Class

Readings for the week: The Life of St. Philarete the Merciful, WebCT; Theodore The Studite's Encomium on his Mother, WebCT. All readings through this week will be covered on the exam.

Week 6, The Structure of Governance
Monday, May 2
Wednesday, May 4
Friday, May 6

Readings for the week:
Begin reading Psellus, *Fourteen Byzantine Rulers*
Read Liudprand parts 1 and 2, WebCT; *De Ceremoniis*, WebCT.

Week 7, Byzantium at its apogee, Basil II
Monday, May 9
Wednesday, May 11
Friday, May 13

Readings for the week:
Finish reading Psellus, *Fourteen Byzantine Rulers*

Week 8, The People of Byzantium
Monday, May 16
Wednesday, May 18
Friday, May 20

Readings for the week:
Read The Defense of Eunuchs, WebCT.
Begin reading Anna Comnena, *The Alexiad*

Week 9, Byzantium and the West
Monday, May 23
Wednesday, May 25
Friday, May 27 The Fourth Crusade

Readings for the week
Continue reading Anna Comnena, *The Alexiad*

Week 10, The Fourth Crusade, continued.
Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, June 1, The Fourth Crusade
Friday, June 3, Review for Final Exam

All of the readings for this course are primary source materials. Chronology and continuity will be provided in the lectures.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING
Midterm exam 40%
Final exam 60%

STUDENTS MUST WRITE BOTH THE MIDTERM AND THE FINAL EXAM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A “PASS” OR A PASSING GRADE IN THE COURSE. This means that if you fail to take the midterm, but take the final and receive an A, you will not receive a passing grade in the course.

TERM PAPER OPTION
I have taught this course for many years and this is the first time I have not required a significant research paper. With 70 students in the course I cannot assign a term paper. I do realize, however, that there may be students enrolled in the course who need a serious, faculty supervised and evaluated term paper in order to fulfill college graduation requirements or in order to have a paper to submit for graduate school applications. I will try to accommodate as many of you as I can, with priority given to seniors and history majors. Please visit me at office hours or after class.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
Please check the final exam schedule and make sure that you have no conflicts. Because of the size of this class I will not be able to accommodate alternative final exams this quarter.