

## Course Fact Sheet

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| Course title:   | An Introduction to Medieval South Wales |                   |        |
| Subject area:   | History                                 | Module no:        | CE1009 |
| No. of credits: | 10                                      | Level of credits: | 1      |

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims to provide students with a broad knowledge of the history of South Wales from shortly before the Norman Conquest until the accession of Henry VII. Through the employment of historical and archaeological evidence it examines the major political events of the period in conjunction with wider social themes including the roles of the marcher lords and the church, the Black Death, the life of the people in town and country, the Glyndwr rebellion and the accession of Henry VIII. Course themes include:

- The Norman Conquest of South Wales.
- The establishment of the Marcher Lordships.
- Castles & Towns.
- The Medieval economy in South Wales.
- The Church in medieval South Wales.
- Settlement And society.
- Economic decline & political unrest in the later Middle Ages.

### Who is this course for?

Anyone who is interested in the history of the region and who would like to understand how the medieval past has shaped modern South Wales.

### Learning and Teaching

There will be lectures incorporating visual presentation and analysis of the medieval sources. There will also be a field trip to a site of historical relevance. Informal classroom debate and discussion is encouraged.

### Coursework and Assessment

To award credits we need to have evidence of the knowledge and skills you have gained or improved. Some of this has to be in a form that can be shown to external examiners so that we can be absolutely sure that standards are met across all courses and subjects.

You will not have a formal examination but you will be asked to write an assignment of around 1500 words which may take the form of a case study, course journal, source criticism or essay. Our assessments are flexible to suit the course and the student.

The most important element of assessment is that it should enhance your learning. Our methods are designed to increase your confidence and we try very hard to devise ways of assessing you that are enjoyable and suitable for adults with busy lives.

### Reading suggestions

CARR, A. D. Carr *Medieval Wales* (Basingstoke, 1995)

DAVIES, R. R. *The Age of Conquest* (Oxford, 1987).

DAVIES, R. R. *Domination and Conquest* (Cambridge, 1991).

DAVIES, R.R. *Davies Lordship & Society in the March of Wales* (Oxford 1978)

DAVIES, R.R. *The Revolt of Owain Glyn Dwr* (Oxford, 1995)

DAVIES, W. *Wales in the Early Middle Ages* (Leicester, 1982)

GRIFFITHS, R. A. *Conquerors and Conquered in Medieval Wales* (Stroud, 1994).

LLOYD, J.E. *A History of Wales* (3<sup>rd</sup> edn. London, 1939).

MILLWARD, R. & ROBINSON, A. *The Welsh Borders* (London, 1978).

STEPHENSON, D. *The Last Prince of Wales* (Buckingham, 1983).

SYLVESTER, D. *The Rural Landscape of the Welsh Borderland* (London, 1969)

WILLIAMS, G. *The Welsh Church from Conquest to Reformation* (Cardiff, 1976).

### **Library and Computing Facilities**

As a student on this course you are entitled to join and use the University library and computing facilities. You can find out more about these facilities on our website <http://www.cf.ac.uk/learn> under Student Information, or by ringing the Centre on (029) 2087 0000.

### **Where might this lead me?.**

This is one of a number of history courses which can be used to gain credits towards a *Foundation Certificate* or a *Certificate of Higher Education*. Both of these awards can enable you to progress onto a full-time or part-time degree scheme irrespective of your previous academic qualifications. Please contact Dr. David Wyatt, Co-ordinating lecturer of history if you would like further details.

### **What else is on offer?**

This course is part of a Foundation Certificate in Regional Historical Studies which also includes: 'Early Modern South Wales 1485-1688' and 'South Wales in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.' If this topic interests you then you should be aware that the Centre for Lifelong Learning offers a number of other related courses including: 'Life & Death in Anglo-Saxon England', 'The Vikings in Wales' and 'The Normans in Britain', 'The World of Gerald of Wales'. Please see our *Choices* Catalogue for further details.

### **Accessibility of Courses**

Our aim is access for all. We aim to provide a confidential advice and support service for any student with a long term medical condition, disability or specific learning difficulty. We are able to offer one-to-one advice about disability, pre-enrolment visits, liaison with tutors and co-ordinating lecturers, material in alternative formats, arrangements for accessible courses, assessment arrangements, loan equipment and Dyslexia screening. Please contact the Centre on (029) 2087 0000 for an information leaflet.

### **Further Information**

A range of further information can be found on our web site <http://www.cf.ac.uk/learn> or in *Choices*. This includes the times and dates of courses and an explanation of accreditation and credit levels.