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READING LIST

Course Title: The Reign of Edward II
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Term Dates: 19 Jan 2026 to 23 Mar 2026
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The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Given-Wilson, C.	<i>Edward II: The Terrors of Kingship</i> (London: Penguin, 2016)
Haines, R.M.	<i>King Edward II: His Life, His Reign and its Aftermath, 1284-1330</i> (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2003)
Phillips, S.	<i>Edward II</i> (London and New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010)
Prestwich, M.	<i>Plantagenet England 1225-1360</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005)

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The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

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- Brown, M. *Bannockburn: The Scottish War and the British Isles, 1307-23* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2008)
- Chaplais, P. *Piers Gaveston: Edward II's Adoptive Brother* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994)
- Childs, W., and Schofield, P. *The Reign of Edward II, 1307-27* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2022)
- Dodd, G., and Musson, A. *The Reign of Edward II: New Perspectives* (Woodbridge: York Medieval Press, 2006)
- Fryde, N. *The Tyranny and Fall of Edward II, 1321-1326* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979)
- Hamilton, J.S. *Piers Gaveston, Earl of Cornwall, 1307-12: Politics and Patronage in the Reign of Edward II* (Detroit, Mich.: Wayne State University Press, 1988)
- King, A., and Etty, C. *England and Scotland, 1286-1603* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015)
- Maddicott, J.R. *Thomas of Lancaster 1307-22: A Study in the Reign of Edward II* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1970)
- McNamee, C. *The Wars of the Bruces: Scotland, England and Ireland, 1306-1328* (2nd edn, Edinburgh: John Donald, 2006)
- Mortimer, I. *Medieval Intrigue: Decoding Royal Conspiracies* (London: Continuum, 2010)
- Phillips, J.R.S. *Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, 1307-24: Baronial Politics in the Reign of Edward II* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1972)
- Raban, S. *England under Edward I and Edward II, 1259-1327* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2000)
- St John, L.B. *Three Medieval Queens: Queenship and the Crown in Fourteenth-Century England* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012)
- Vale, M. *The Origins of the Hundred Years War: The Angevin Legacy, 1250-1340* (2nd edn, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996)