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A short outline of codicology: how to define a medieval manuscript.

Content and Objectives of the Lecture and Group Work on the Lecture Topic:  
Lecture is conceived as introduction to the codicology and codicological research with subsequent chapters: aims and limits of codicology, how to approach a codicological research and which are the basic structural elements, what information a codicological description must contain and which are omnipresent structural elements.

Lecture wishes to present the differences in supports, the process of design of book-block and of a manuscript page, define the key elements, to show some examples in the development of initials, of writing and binding.

Through the structural elements the lecture addresses also the question of terminology.

Assignment:  
It is individual decision between the student and my assignment as a mentor, depending on the theme to be presented in a work of a student.

Readings:


PEARSALL, Derek (ed.). New Directions in Late Medieval Manuscript Studies, Woodbridge, 2000.


STIPIŠIĆ, Jakov. Pomoćne povjesne znanosti u teoriji i praksi. Zagreb, 1985

Online resources:

Digital Scriptorium
http://sunsite3.berkeley.edu/scriptorium/

Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library, Oxford
http://image.ox.ac.uk/

Manuscripts at the British Library, London
http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/ttp/digitisation4.html