

Medieval Studies

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Program of Study

The Committee on Medieval Studies offers two options to undergraduates for concentrated studies in the medieval period. Students may elect either to enter a B.A. program in medieval studies or to pursue medieval studies in conjunction with another program through the judicious selection of courses.

Program Requirements

The purpose of the B.A. program with concentration in medieval studies is to acquaint students with a broad range of medieval materials from a variety of perspectives (e.g., historical, literary, artistic, theological) as a preparation for writing a B.A. paper on some aspect of medieval civilization. Students pursue the investigation of the Middle Ages through studies in historical, literary, and adjunct areas. Eleven courses are required, including at least three courses basically historical in nature, three courses of linguistic character, and two courses in other disciplines (e.g., art, music, philosophy, theology). Each student should determine these courses in consultation with the adviser assigned by the program.

Students concentrating in medieval studies are expected to demonstrate competence in reading one language in which a significant body of medieval source material exists. Such competence is demonstrated primarily through the language courses and through the use of source materials in the B.A. paper. Latin is strongly urged for those working in Western materials, but other options (particularly for students interested in Byzantine, Jewish, or Muslim cultures) are available. Students should consult the adviser regarding the three-course language requirement, which is to be used both for acquiring language skills, if necessary, beyond the College language requirement and for pursuing the reading of medieval texts.

The program also requires all concentrators to participate in a one-quarter reading and research course with a member of the committee who has agreed to advise them in planning and writing the B.A. paper; students should register for a reading course in this committee member's department. Their completed paper will ordinarily be read by at least two members of the committee representing different academic departments.

Students who wish to pursue medieval studies in conjunction with another program of study should choose their courses in consultation with the program coordinator.

Summary of Requirements

3	courses in historical studies
3	language studies
2	adjunct areas
3	electives
1	reading and research course
—	B.A. paper
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Grading. Except for courses taught within the New Collegiate Division, there is no *P/N* or *P/F* grading in this concentration.

Honors. Consideration for honors is individually arranged with the program coordinator. For candidacy, a student must have completed a B.A. paper of the highest quality, and have a GPA of at least 3.0 overall and at least 3.5 within the concentration.

Faculty

M. Allen, D. Bevington, R. Dankoff, A. Davidson, F. Donner, K. Duys, C. Fasolt, R. Fulton, N. Golb, R. Hellie, N. Ingham, S. Jaffe, W. Kadi, W. Kaegi, R. Kendrick, J. Kraemer, R. Lerner, M. Miller, M. Murrin, R. Nelson, L. Pick, A. W. Robertson, J. Schleusener, L. Seidel, J. Stern, N. Swerdlow, C. von Nolcken, E. Weaver, D. Whitcomb, J. Woods

Courses

Historical and Civilization Studies

CLAS 20900. Ancient Mediterranean World III. (=ANST 20800, HIST 16800) *W. Kaegi. Spring.*

HIST 13900. Russian Civilization I. (=HUMA 2400) *N. Ingham, R. Hellie. Autumn.*

HIST 16900. Ancient Mediterranean World III: Late Antiquity. *W. Kaegi. Spring.*

HIST 21703/31600. Byzantine Empire, 1025 to 1453. *W. Kaegi. Autumn.*

HIST 22100. Religion and Society in the Medieval West. *R. Fulton. Autumn.*

HIST 23501. European Warfare to 1815. *W. Kaegi. Spring.*

HIST 25701. North Africa: Late Antiquity to Islam. *W. Kaegi. Autumn.*

HIST 58400. Iran Under the Safavids. *PQ: Consent of instructor. J. Woods. Spring.*

JWSC 20100-31100. Jewish Civilization II: Rabbinic Judaism from the Mishnah to Maimonides. (=HUMA 20100) *J. Stern. Winter.*

MDJS 28000-28100-28200. Medieval Jewish History I, II, III. (=HUMA 23000-23100-23200, JWST 23000-23100-23200) *PQ: Consent of instructor. N. Golb. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

NEHC 20601/30601. Introduction to Islamic Civilization I. (=SOSC 22000) *W. Kadi. Autumn.*

NEHC 20602/30602. Introduction to Islamic Civilization II. (=SOSC 22100) *R. Dankoff, J. Perry. Winter.*

NEHC 20621/30621. History of the Islamic Middle East I: The Rise of Islam and the Caliphate. (=HIST 25700/35700) *F. Donner. Autumn.*

NEHC 20622/30622. History of the Islamic Middle East II: 1200 to 1700. (=HIST 25800/35800) *J. Woods. Winter.*

RLST 21600. Early Monasticism. *L. Pick. Spring.*

Linguistic and Literary Studies

CLAS 22300. Augustine, City of God. *P. White. Winter.*

ENGL 14900/34900. Old English. (=GRMN 31000) *C. von Nolcken. Autumn.*

ENGL 15000/35000. Old English Poetry. *PQ: ENGL 14900/34900 or equivalent. C. von Nolcken. Winter.*

ENGL 15100/35100. Old English Seminar: Holy Men and Holy Women. *PQ: ENGL 14900/34900 or equivalent. The class meets at the Newberry Library. P. Szarmach. Winter.*

ENGL 15500. Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales. (=FNDL 25700) *C. von Nolcken. Winter.*

ENGL 15600. Medieval English Literature. (=GNDR 15600) *M. Miller. Autumn.*

ITAL 20700. Survey 1: Letteratura italiana dal Duecento al Quattrocento. *PQ: ITAL 20300 or consent of instructor. J. Steinberg. Autumn.*

ITAL 26001/36001. Inventing Italy: From Geography to Humanistic Rhetoric (XIII to XV Centuries). *F. Bruni. Autumn.*

LATN 25100. Medieval Latin. *M. Allen. Winter.*

MUSI 12100. Music in Western Civilization. (=HIST 12700, SOSC 21100) *A. Robertson. Winter.*

PHIL 26000. History of Philosophy II: Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy. (=HIPS 26000) *C. Larmore. Winter.*

SLAV 22000/32000. Old Church Slavonic. (=LGLN 25100/35100) *PQ: Knowledge of another Slavic language or another old Indo-European*

languages. V. Friedman. Winter.

SLAV 22100/32100. Early Slavic Bible Translations. *B. Darden. Spring.*

SPAN 20700. *Literatura hispánica: textos clásicos.* *PQ: SPAN 20300 or consent of instructor. F. de Armas. Autumn.*