INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN MEDIEVAL STUDIES

for the Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Minor in Medieval Studies

This minor introduces students to medieval (ca. 500- ca. 1500 CE) cultures across the world, providing them with an understanding of periods and movements, institutions, material culture, ideas, beliefs, and values of the diverse cultures that comprise the medieval globe. The coursework spans both geographical regions and disciplines to introduce students to the breadth of medieval cultures as well as to the diversity of methods and perspectives for their study.

The minor includes a minimum of 21 hours, divided into (I) an introductory course in global medieval literatures and cultures; (II) geographical distribution coursework as specified below; and (III) advanced medieval coursework selected by the student in consultation with a faculty advisor. 3 hours of appropriate language study can be applied to the Additional Medieval Studies Coursework.

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<td>Introduction to Medieval Studies ¹</td>
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**Geographical Distribution Coursework** ²  
3 hours- Medieval Europe- One course chosen from the following:  
- ARTH/MDVL 111 Ancient to Medieval Art  
- ARTH/MDVL 222 Medieval Art  
- ARTH/MDVL 231 Northern Renaissance Art  
- ITAL/MDVL 240 Italy Middle Ages & Renaiss  
- HIST/MDVL 245 Wives, Workers and Witches in Pre-Modern Europe  
- HIST/MDVL 247 Medieval Europe  
- SCAN/MDVL 251 Viking Mythology  
- SCAN/MDVL 252 Viking Sagas in Translation  
- HIST/MDVL 255 British Isles to 1688  
- ARCH/MDVL 412 Medieval Architecture  

3 hours-Classical and Medieval East Asia- One course chosen from the following:  
- HIST 220 Traditional China  
- HIST 226 Premodern Japanese History  
- EALC 240 Chinese Civilization  
- EALC 275 Masterpieces of East Asian Lit  
- REL 287 Introduction to Buddhism  

3 hours-Medieval Central Asia, South Asia, or the Middle East-One course chosen from the following:  
- HIST 130 History of South Asia  
- HIST 135 History of Islamic Middle East  
- LA 218  
- LA 222 Islamic Gardens & Architecture  
- REL 214 Introduction to Islam  
- REL 223 The Qur’an (Koran)  
- REL 260 Mystics and Saints in Islam  

**Additional Medieval Studies Coursework** ³  
9 hours of Medieval-related coursework from participating departments selected in consultation with the minor advisor. At least 6 hours must be at the 300- or 400-level. A list of courses is maintained on the Medieval Studies Program website. 3 hours of appropriate language study can be applied to meet this requirement with approval of the Director of the Program in Medieval Studies.

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**Footnotes**

¹ A student may substitute the “Medieval World” section of HIST 100 by petition to the Director of Medieval Studies. Only the section of HIST 100 devoted to the Middle Ages may be substituted.

² A student may substitute 3 hours in geographical distribution coursework with a course on the medieval civilizations of the Americas: ANTH 277 or ANTH 278.

³ List of courses to fulfill Additional Medieval Studies Coursework. (http://www.medieval.illinois.edu/education/undergrad/)

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 04/2024