Medieval Studies, Certificate

The undergraduate Certificate in Medieval Studies requires a minimum of 21 s.h. in medieval studies course work. The certificate may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not concurrently enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in work for the certificate.

The program enables students to combine study in three or more disciplines into an organized investigation of the Middle Ages, a rich historical period that continues to influence today's culture. Students may earn the Certificate in Medieval Studies as a distinct interest or combine it with focused study in areas such as art history; classics; comparative literature; gender, women's, and sexuality studies; languages (e.g., French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish); music; philosophy; religion; and theater.

Courses used to fulfill General Education Program requirements or the requirements of a major or minor may be counted toward the certificate in most cases. Up to 6 s.h. of transfer credit may be counted toward certificate requirements, with the Certificate in Medieval Studies coordinating committee's approval; contact the certificate program's coordinator.

Core Course
Students must complete one of these early in their program of study:
- MDVL:3409 Medieval Civilization I
- or MDVL:3410 Medieval Civilization II

Additional Courses
Remaining course work, as indicated below 18
Total Hours 21

Additional Courses
Remaining courses may be chosen from the "Associated Courses" below or from medieval studies courses (prefix MDVL) under Courses in this section of the Catalog. Students must include courses from at least three different departments; they may count a maximum of 10 s.h. from a single department or program. Students should consult regularly with a medieval studies advisor while planning and completing their program of study.

Associated Courses
The following courses are approved for the medieval studies certificate. Other courses may be approved for satisfaction of certificate requirements; students who wish to have a course approved should make a request to the Certificate in Medieval Studies coordinating committee. The coordinating committee revises the list of approved courses as necessary.

Arabic Language and Literature
- ARAB:2001 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I 5
- ARAB:2002 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II 5

Art and Art History
- ARTH:2420 Introduction to Medieval Art 3

Center for the Book
- UICB:4910 The Book in the Middle Ages 3
- UICB:4920 The Transition from Manuscript to Print 3

Classics
- CLSL:2001 World of Cicero 3
- CLSL:2002 Golden Age of Roman Poetry 3

English
- ENGL:2216 Selected Works of the Middle Ages 3
- ENGL:3226 Literature and Culture of the Middle Ages 3
- ENGL:3256 Elementary Old English 3
- ENGL:3257 Old English Beowulf 3
- ENGL:3266 Medieval Celtic Literature 3
- ENGL:3267 Medieval Norse Literature 3
- ENGL:3276/THTR:3276 Medieval Drama 3
- ENGL:3286 Chaucer 3

French
- FREN:3110 French Civilization 3

German
- GRMN:2770 Norse Mythology: Gods, Heroes, and Monsters of Northern Europe 3-4
- GRMN:2780 King Arthur Through the Ages 3

History
- HIST:2151 Introduction to the History Major (when topic is medieval) 3
- HIST:2483 History of Britain: Fall of Rome to the Norman Conquest 3
- HIST:3409/MDVL:3409 Medieval Civilization I 3
- HIST:3410/MDVL:3410 Medieval Civilization II 3
- HIST:4408/MDVL:4408 The Twelfth-Century Renaissance 3
- HIST:4411/MDVL:4411 Economic and Social History of Medieval Europe 3
- HIST:4412/MDVL:4412 History of the Medieval Church 3
- HIST:4417/MDVL:4417 Medieval Intellectual History 300-1150 3
- HIST:4418/MDVL:4418 Medieval Intellectual History 1150-1500 3
HIST:4419/MDVL:4419  Ancient and Medieval Science  3
HIST:4421/MDVL:4421  The Middle Ages in Film  3
HIST:4423/MDVL:4423  Ireland in the Early Middle Ages  3
HIST:4426/MDVL:4426  Women, Power, and Society in Medieval Europe  3

Italian
ITAL:4633  Dante's Inferno  3
ITAL:4634  The Italian Renaissance  3

Music
MUS:2301  History of Music I  3
MUS:4200  Counterpoint Before 1600  3

Philosophy
PHIL:3112/HIST:3412  Medieval Philosophy  3

Religious Studies
RELS:1225/HIST:1025  Medieval Religion and Culture  3
RELS:4001  Biblical Hebrew I  4
RELS:4002  Biblical Hebrew II  4

Spanish and Portuguese
SPAN:4690  Topics in Spanish Literature (when topic is medieval)  3

Language Courses
The Medieval Studies Program strongly encourages students to complete course work in a language relevant to the medieval period. Latin is recommended for anyone intending to pursue graduate study in the field. Many language courses have prerequisites, and some are offered irregularly, so students should complete their language course work as early as possible. The following language courses are approved for the medieval studies certificate.

ENGL:3256  Elementary Old English  3
RELS:4001-RELS:4002  Biblical Hebrew I-II  8

Sample Study Plans
Both of these sample study plans fulfill the certificate's requirements.

Sample plan for students planning graduate work in medieval studies:

MDVL:3226/ENGL:3226  Literature and Culture of the Middle Ages  3
MDVL:3410/HIST:3410  Medieval Civilization II  3
ARTH:2420  Introduction to Medieval Art  3
CLSL:2001  World of Cicero  3
CLSL:2002  Golden Age of Roman Poetry  3

HIST:4418/MDVL:4418  Medieval Intellectual History 1150-1500  3
RELS:1225/HIST:1025  Medieval Religion and Culture  3

Sample plan for students with a general interest in medieval studies:

MDVL:3409/HIST:3409  Medieval Civilization I  3
ENGL:3256  Elementary Old English  3
ENGL:3286  Chaucer  3
HIST:4412/MDVL:4412  History of the Medieval Church  3
HIST:4426/MDVL:4426  Women, Power, and Society in Medieval Europe  3
MUS:2301  History of Music I  3
SPAN:4690  Topics in Spanish Literature (when topic is medieval)  3