

# Medieval Studies, Certificate

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**Undergraduate certificate:** Medieval Studies certificate

**Website:** <https://history.uiowa.edu/>

## Requirements

The undergraduate Certificate in Medieval Studies requires at least 18 s.h. in medieval studies coursework. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in work for the certificate.

The Certificate in Medieval Studies 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; gender, women's, and sexuality studies; languages (e.g., French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish); music; philosophy; religion; theater; and literature.

The certificate may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) students may earn the certificate when the undergraduate classification is primary.

Courses used to fulfill GE CLAS Core 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.

The Certificate in Medieval Studies requires the following coursework.

## Courses

Courses may be chosen from the "Associated Courses" list 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 the 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

Course #	Title	Hours
ARAB:2001	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I	5
ARAB:2002	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II	5

## Art, Art History, and Design

Course #	Title	Hours
ARTH:2420	Medieval Art From Constantine to Columbus	3
ARTH:3310	Celtic and Viking Art	3
ARTH:3390	Early Medieval Art	3
ARTH:3400	Romanesque and Gothic Art	3
ARTH:3420	Gothic Architecture	3
ARTH:3990	Topics in Art History (when topic is medieval)	3

## Center for the Book

Course #	Title	Hours
UICB:4290	Historical Book Structures	3
UICB:4420	Introduction to Medieval Calligraphy	3
UICB:4910/ HIST:4422/ SLIS:4910	The Book in the Middle Ages	3
UICB:4920/ HIST:4429/ SLIS:4920	The Book in Early Modern Europe	3

## Classics and Religious Studies

Course #	Title	Hours
CLSA:1401/ RELS:1401	Biblical Hebrew I	4
CLSA:1402/ RELS:1402	Biblical Hebrew II	4
CLSA:2127/ ASIA:2127/ JPNS:2127	Books of the Silk Roads	3
CLSA:3443/ RELS:3243	Pagans and Christians: The Church From Jesus to Muhammad	3
CLSL:2001	World of Cicero	4
CLSL:2002	Golden Age of Roman Poetry	4
RELS:1225/ HIST:1025	Medieval Religion and Culture	3

## English

Course #	Title	Hours
ENGL:2216	Selected Works of the Middle Ages	3
ENGL:2236	Selected Early Authors (when topic is medieval)	3
ENGL:3216	Topics in Medieval and Renaissance Literature	3
ENGL:3226/ MDVL:3226	Literature and Culture of the Middle Ages	3
ENGL:3256	Old English Language and Literature	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

ENGL:4009	Honors Literature Seminar: Medieval and Early Modern Literature, Early Literature/17th Century	3
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## History

Course #	Title	Hours
HIST:1010	History Matters (when topic is medieval)	3
HIST:1402	The West and the World: Medieval	3
HIST:2151	Introduction to the History Major (when topic is medieval)	3
HIST:2461/ CLSA:2461/ RELS:2361	Middle East and Mediterranean: Alexander to Suleiman	3
HIST:3409/ MDVL:3409	Medieval Civilization I	3
HIST:3410/ MDVL:3410	Medieval Civilization II	3
HIST:3425/ MDVL:3425	Peasants in the Middle Ages	3

## Italian

Course #	Title	Hours
ITAL:4633	Dante's Inferno	3

## Japanese

Course #	Title	Hours
JPNS:3202	Traditional Japanese Literature in Translation	3
JPNS:3206	Warriors' Dreams	3
JPNS:4201	Genji Lab	3

## Music

Course #	Title	Hours
MUS:2301	History of Western Music I	3
MUS:4200	Counterpoint Before 1600	3

## Russian

Course #	Title	Hours
RUSS:1532	Traces of Ancient Russian Culture (IX-XVII Centuries): Vikings, Mongols, and Tsars	3

## Spanish and Portuguese

Course #	Title	Hours
SPAN:4690	Topics in Spanish Literature (when topic is medieval)	3

## Language Courses

The Medieval Studies Program strongly encourages students to complete coursework 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 coursework as early as possible. The following language courses are approved for the medieval studies certificate.

Course #	Title	Hours
ARAB:2001 & ARAB:2002	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I and Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II	10
CLSA:1401 & CLSA:1402	Biblical Hebrew I and Biblical Hebrew II (same as RELS:1401-RELS:1402)	8
CLSL:2001 & CLSL:2002	World of Cicero and Golden Age of Roman Poetry	8
ENGL:3256	Old English Language and Literature	3

## Academic Plans

### Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
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This sample plan is a suggestion for students planning graduate work in medieval studies.		
ARTH:2420	Medieval Art From Constantine to Columbus <sup>a</sup>	3
CLSL:2001	World of Cicero <sup>a</sup>	4
CLSL:2002	Golden Age of Roman Poetry <sup>a</sup>	4
ENGL:3286	Chaucer <sup>a</sup>	3
MDVL:3226	Literature and Culture of the Middle Ages <sup>a</sup>	3
MDVL:3410	Medieval Civilization II <sup>a</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>20</b>

<sup>a</sup> Students may substitute this course for another approved medieval studies course (refer to the General Catalog for a list of approved courses). Students must include courses from at least three different departments in their work for the certificate; they may count a maximum of 10 s.h. from a single department or program.