

Medieval Studies, Certificate

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

Requirements

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

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.

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.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Students must complete one of these early in their program of study:		
MDVL:3409 or MDVL:3410	Medieval Civilization I Medieval Civilization II	3
Additional Courses		
Remaining coursework, as indicated below		15
Total Hours		18

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

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

Art and Art History

Code	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

Code	Title	Hours
UICB:4910/ HIST:4910/ SLIS:4910	The Book in the Middle Ages	3
UICB:4920/ HIST:4920/ SLIS:4920	The Transition from Manuscript to Print	3

Classics

Code	Title	Hours
CLSA:2127/ JPNS:2127	Global Manuscript Cultures	3
CLSL:2001	World of Cicero	3
CLSL:2002	Golden Age of Roman Poetry	3

English

Code	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 Seminar: Medieval and Early Modern Literature, Early Literature/17th Century	3

German

Code	Title	Hours
GRMN:2770	Norse Mythology: Gods, Heroes, and Monsters of Northern Europe	3-4

History

Code	Title	Hours
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:3423/ MDVL:3423	Ireland in the Early Middle Ages	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

Italian

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

Japanese

Code	Title	Hours
JPNS:3202	Traditional Japanese Literature in Translation	3
JPNS:3206	Warriors' Dreams	3
JPNS:4201	The Tale of Genji	3

Music

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

Philosophy

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL:3112/ HIST:3412	Medieval Philosophy	3

Religious Studies

Code	Title	Hours
RELS:1225/ HIST:1025	Medieval Religion and Culture	3
RELS:3243/ CLSA:3443	Pagans and Christians: The Church from Jesus to Muhammad	3
RELS:4001/ CLSA:4901	Biblical Hebrew I	3-4

RELS:4002/ CLSA:4902	Biblical Hebrew II	4
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Russian

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

Spanish and Portuguese

Code	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.

Code	Title	Hours
ARAB:2001- ARAB:2002	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I-II	10
CLSL:2001- CLSL:2002	World of Cicero - Golden Age of Roman Poetry	6
CLSA:4901- CLSA:4902	Biblical Hebrew I-II (same as RELS:4001-RELS:4002)	8
ENGL:3256	Old English Language and Literature	3

Sample Study Plans

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

Sample plan for students planning graduate work in medieval studies:

Code	Title	Hours
MDVL:3226/ ENGL:3226	Literature and Culture of the Middle Ages	3
MDVL:3410/ HIST:3410	Medieval Civilization II	3
ARTH:2420	Medieval Art from Constantine to Columbus	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

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

Code	Title	Hours
MDVL:3409/ HIST:3409	Medieval Civilization I	3
ENGL:3256	Old English Language and Literature	3
ENGL:3286	Chaucer	3
HIST:2483	History of Britain: Fall of Rome to the Norman Conquest	3

HIST:4412/ MDVL:4412	History of the Medieval Church	3
MUS:2301	History of Western Music I	3