Medieval Studies, 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.

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 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" 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 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 and Art History

Course # Title Hours
ARTH:2420 Medieval Art from Constantine to Columbus 3

Center for the Book

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

Classics

Course # Title Hours
CLSA:2127 Books of the Silk Roads 3
ASIA:2127/JPNS:2127
CLSL:2001 World of Cicero 3
CLSL:2002 Golden Age of Roman Poetry 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 Medieval Drama 3
ENGL:3286 Chaucer 3
ENGL:4009 Honors Literature Seminar: Medieval and Early Modern Literature, Early Literature/17th Century 3

History

Course # Title Hours
HIST:1402 The West and the World: Medieval 3
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

**Italian**
Course #  Title  Hours
ITAL:4633  Dante's Inferno  3
ITAL:4634  The Italian Renaissance  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

**Religious Studies**
Course #  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  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

**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.

**Medieval Studies, Certificate**
For students with an interest in graduate level work.

**Course**  **Title**  **Hours**

**Academic Career**
**Any Semester**
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