

Minor in Medieval Studies

This interdisciplinary Minor in Medieval Studies 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.

| Hours | Requirements |
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| 3 | Introduction to Medieval Studies ¹ ENGL 202- Medieval Lit and Culture (same as MDVL 201 and CWL 253) |
| 9 | Geographical Distribution Coursework² |
| | 3 hours- Medieval Europe- One course chosen from the following: ARTH 111/MDVL 111 Ancient to Medieval Art ARTH222/MDVL 222 Medieval Art ARTH 231/MDVL 231 Northern Renaissance Art ITAL 240/MDVL 240 Italy Middle Ages & Renaiss HIST 245/MDVL 245 Women & Gender in Pre-Mod Europe HIST 247/MDVL 247 Medieval Europe SCAN 251/MDVL 251 Viking Mythology SCAN 252/MDVL 252 Viking Sagas in Translation HIST 255/MDVL 255 British Isles to 1688 ARCH 412/MDVL 412 Medieval Architecture |
| | 3 hours-Classical and Medieval East Asia- One course chosen from the following: HIST 220 Traditional China HIST 226 Pre-modern Japanese History EALC 240 Chinese Civilization EALC 275 Masterpieces of East Asian Lit RLST 287 Introduction to Buddhism |
| | 3 hours-Medieval Central Asia, South Asia, or the Middle East-One course chosen from the following: |

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| | HIST 130 History of South Asia HIST 135 History of Islamic Middle East LA 218 S Asian Cultural Landscapes LA 222 Islamic Gardens and Architecture RLST 213 Intro to Islam (ACP) RLST 214 Introduction to Islam RLST 223 Qur'an Structure and Exegesis RLST 260 Mystics and Saints in Islam RLST 283 Jewish Sacred Literature CWL 208 Lits & Cultures of South Asia |
| 9 | Additional Medieval Studies Coursework 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. |
| 21 | Total Hours |

1. A student may substitute the “Medieval World” section of HIST 100, Global History, 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-Ancient Cities, Sacred Land or ANTH 278- Climate Change & Civilization.

For further information contact the Director of Medieval Studies, Prof. Charles D. Wright cdwright@illinois.edu. There is also a Major (Concentration) in Medieval Studies.