Western Michigan University's Medieval Studies (M.A.) program allows students to pursue specialized research interests while also providing them with a broad background in interdisciplinary methods and knowledge in:

- Medieval History
- Medieval Languages and Literature
- Medieval Religion
- Research Methodology

- The affiliated faculty of the Medieval Institute is one of the largest faculty groups of medieval specialists in the country.

- A compact and focused graduate program allows students to work closely with faculty and one another to foster academic success, preparing its graduates with the professional profile needed to continue in both academic and non-teaching careers suited to the unique research set of a Medieval Studies M.A.

- In addition to regularly scheduled electives, students at the Medieval Institute have access to:
  - Special topics seminars offered off campus through Western Michigan University’s affiliation with the Center for Renaissance Studies at the Newberry Library in Chicago
  - The Tashjian Study Fellowship, which provides travel/research support for a student focusing on manuscript studies or Old English
  - The NUI, Galway Conference Exchange Grant in Medieval Studies, which provides travel support for the presentation of a paper at Imbas, an interdisciplinary conference for graduate student scholars hosted by the National University of Ireland, Galway

- Through the Center for Cistercian and Monastic Studies, the Medieval Institute offers a Graduate Certificate in the History of Monastic Movements. The Center for Cistercian and Monastic Studies encourages and facilitates research on all aspects of the Cistercian tradition and in the broader field of religious traditions.

- The Goliardic Society is a social organization of the graduate students of the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University. The mission of the Society is to facilitate camaraderie among students, faculty, and friends while enhancing the academic environment and multiple opportunities of the Medieval Institute through various donations, volunteer work, and scholarly activities.
Medieval Studies (M.A.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
The Medieval Institute at WMU was established in 1962 as a center for instruction and research in the history and culture of the Middle Ages. Its pioneering function was to introduce the first Master of Arts in Medieval Studies offered at a state-supported university in the United States.

Today, five decades later, WMU remains one of the few public institutions in this country with an interdisciplinary M.A. in Medieval Studies. The degree requirements are intended to provide graduate students with the basic tools and skills necessary for specialized scholarly research as well as with an understanding of and an appreciation for interdisciplinary aspects of medieval culture.

The Institute fosters research through the annual International Congress on Medieval Studies and the Richard Rawlinson Center for Anglo-Saxon Studies and Manuscript Research. Medieval Institute Publications publishes series of books, journals, monographs, and critical editions of texts.

Admissions
Applications are accepted for admission in the fall semester. The application deadline is January 15 for fall (September) admission. The GRE is required. All additional required application materials are listed on the department website: wmich.edu/medieval/academics/admission.html

Graduate Assistantships
The Medieval Institute awards a variety of teaching and research assistantships in the fall and spring semesters.

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Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.