

Master of Arts in Medieval Studies

Curriculum for students entering the program between fall 2015 and fall 2017

Coursework

Required are a total of 32 credit hours of coursework, or 35 credit hours for thesis writers, including 14 credit hours of required core courses (with a course grade of B or better); a 6000-level theory or methods course (three credit hours); 12 credit hours, or nine credit hours for thesis writers, of electives at the 6000-level; and MDVL 6900: Medieval Studies Capstone Writing Seminar (three credit hours). Thesis writers take six credit hours of thesis (MDVL 7000).

Core courses

ENGL 5300: Medieval Literature (three credit hours)

HIST 5501: Medieval History Proseminar (three credit hours)

LAT 5600: Medieval Latin (four credit hours)

MDVL 5300: Introduction to Medieval Studies (one credit hour)

REL 5000: Historical Studies in Religion: Medieval Christianity (three credit hours)

Languages

Demonstrated proficiency in Latin and a second medieval or a modern language is required.

Oral examination

The hour-long oral examination is an opportunity for faculty and the student to explore content in medieval studies based on the student's coursework and written work completed in MDVL 6900. The examination committee will be composed of three members named by the director in consultation with the student. The student will submit the two capstone writing seminar papers to the committee no less than two weeks prior to the examination date. Students will receive an assessment of high pass, pass, low pass, or fail. If a student fails an examination, the examining faculty will determine whether the student is offered a one-time re-examination to be completed within 12 months of the first examination date.

Thesis

With the thesis advisor's approval of a prospectus, a student may complete the degree by producing a master's thesis under the direction of a thesis committee. The committee will be composed by the director of the Medieval Institute in consultation with the student.