Reasons to choose our program...

Western Michigan University's Master of Arts in Medieval Studies (M.A.) program provides graduate students with the basic tools and skills necessary for specialized scholarly research, as well as an understanding of and an appreciation for medieval culture. Furthermore, the 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

The Medieval Institute’s graduate program encourages 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 taught by affiliated faculty of the Medieval Institute, one of the largest faculty groups of medieval specialists in the country, students at the Institute have access to:

- Special topics seminars offered off campus through WMU’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 Anglo-Saxon studies
- The National University of Ireland, 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 NUI, Galway

The Goliardic Society is a social organization of WMU graduate students interested in medieval studies. 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 donations, volunteer work and scholarly activities.
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History
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. Five decades later, WMU remains one of the few public institutions in this country with an interdisciplinary M.A. in Medieval Studies.

The three pillars of the Medieval Institute, the masters degree, the International Congress on Medieval Studies, and Medieval Institute Publications (MIP), foster research. Together, with the Center for Cistercian and Monastic Studies and the Richard Rawlinson Center for Anglo-Saxon Studies and Manuscript Research, the institute emphasizes the exchange of ideas at the Congress and the dissemination of scholarly work by MIP, which publishes books, journals and critical editions of texts by scholars from all over the world.

Funding
The Medieval Institute awards a variety of teaching and research application (positions in clerical, editorial and research capacities) assistantships.

Admission
Applications are accepted for the fall semester only.

Domestic
Fall 2018: Jan. 15, 2018

International
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Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the US News & World Report as one of America’s best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly $52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.