Medieval Studies Minor

The Medieval Studies minor offers students an extensive curriculum which includes the Christian, Judaic, and Islamic Middle Ages, as well as courses in feudal Japanese culture and East Asian Art and religious traditions. Students gain deeper historical and cultural knowledge that contextualizes modern political and cultural developments and encourages cross-cultural connections. Courses are offered via a variety of departments, from philosophy, literature, and history to art, architecture, and music, grounding students' learning in a variety of disciplinary approaches.

Minor Requirements

Students who want a minor in medieval studies must complete seven medieval courses in at least two departments.

Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of mid-C or better.

Suggested Courses

Students should plan their programs as early as possible with the aid of a medieval studies faculty advisor. With the advisor's consent, courses numbered 199, 399, 405, 407, 408, or 410 may be substituted for suggested courses. At least five of the courses must be taken at the University of Oregon. More information is available from the medieval studies office or from the Medieval Studies Program director.

Code	Title	Credits
Arabic		
ARB 331	Reading Classical Arabic	4
Classics		
CLAS 110	Classical Mythology	4
CLAS 314	Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity	4
Additional Latin and Greek course offerings, depending on topic		
English		
ENG 225	Age of King Arthur	4
ENG 423	The Age of Beowulf	4
ENG 425	Medieval Romance	4
ENG 427	Chaucer	4
ENG 428 & ENG 429 & ENG 430	Old English I and Old English II: [Topic] and Old English III: [Topic]	12
History		
HIST 190	Foundations of East Asian Civilizations	4
HIST 320		4
HIST 321		4
HIST 387	Early China	4
HIST 396	Samurai in Film	4
HIST 414	Ancient Rome: [Topic] (depends on topic)	4
HIST 490	Japan: [Topic] (The Classical Age)	4
HIST 498	Early Japanese Culture and Society: [Topic] (Buddhism and Society in Medieval Japan; Samurai and War; Medieval Japan)	4
History of Art and Architecture		
ARH 205	Medieval Renaissance European Art	4
ARH 425	Medieval Art and Architecture: [Topic]	4
Humanities		
HUM 102	Introduction to the Humanities II	4
HUM 300	Themes in the Humanities [1]	4
Italian		
ITAL 317	Italian Survey of Medieval and Renaissance	4
Japanese		
JPN 305	Introduction to Japanese Literature	4
Judaic Studies		
JDST 212	Medieval and Early Modern Judaism	4
Additional courses in Judaic Studies and Hebrew, depending on topic		
Music		
MUS 267	History of Music 800 to 1600	4
MUS 391	Collegium Musicum	1-3
Philosophy		
PHIL 310	History of Ancient Philosophy	4
Religious Studies		
REL 222 & REL 223	Introduction to the Bible I and Introduction to the Bible II	8
REL 233	Introduction to Islam	4
REL 321 & REL 322	History of Christianity I and History of Christianity II	8
REL 324	History of Eastern Christianity I	4
REL 335	Introduction to the Qur'an	4
REL 355	Mysticism	4
REL 414	Biblical Book: [Topic]	4
REL 432	Islamic Mysticism: [Topic]	4
REL 444	Medieval Japanese Buddhism	4
Scandinavian		
SCAN 259	Vikings through the Icelandic Sagas	4
SCAN 343	Norse Mythology	4
SCAN 344	Medieval Hero and Monster	4

[1] Depending on the topic; may only be taken once for medieval studies major or minor credit.