

Medieval Studies

Minor

The program in Medieval Studies offers an undergraduate interdisciplinary minor in Medieval Studies. The minor has three principal purposes:

1. To give undergraduate students who have an interest in Medieval Studies the benefit of advising about what courses are available in the various departments and how certain courses might fit together into a meaningful sequence or cluster.
2. To enable students to be informed about lectures, colloquia, social events, and conferences of interest to them.
3. To allow those undergraduates who complete substantial work in Medieval Studies to have that fact acknowledged. Should those students wish to pursue further academic work after graduation, their chances of success in the competition for admission to graduate school will be enhanced not just because of the official notice on their transcript but because they will have gained greater professional competence through informed participation in the Medieval Studies program at Berkeley.

Declaring the Minor

Undergraduates who contemplate applying for the minor should contact the graduate/undergraduate adviser to discuss their interests and needs.

Students may declare the minor only in their final semester. To declare, download a "Completion of an L&S Minor" form from the College of Letters and Sciences website (<http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/fp.html>). Students should fill out the form and take it to the adviser in their major first. This adviser must certify that the requirements for the major are fulfilled and sign at the bottom of the form. Then take the form to the Medieval Studies adviser.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.

7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Five upper division courses on medieval topics. Only three of the five courses may be from the same department.

Recommended Courses

Students who are contemplating advanced work in Medieval Studies should, if possible, take HISTORY 4B early in their undergraduate career. Other lower division courses are also recommended (e.g., ITALIAN 30), but only upper division courses can be counted toward the minor.

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MED ST 150 Studies in Medieval Culture 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Spring 2009, Spring 2008

Normally three hours of lecture per week for fifteen weeks. In the event that the instructor is in residence for fewer than fifteen weeks, the course may be offered for either 2 or 3 units of credit, in proportion to the number of actual contact hours. Course may be repeated for credit. Normally taught by the Visiting Distinguished Professor of Medieval Studies. An interdisciplinary exploration of Medieval culture, focusing on an area of the instructor's expertise. Specific topic varies with instructor.

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Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 7.5-10 hours of lecture per week

7.5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 4-8 hours of lecture per week

15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Medieval Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

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