

# Medieval Studies

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The minor in Medieval Studies offers a multi-disciplinary exploration of the art, architecture, history, literature, music, philosophy, and religion of Europe between the fourth and fifteenth centuries. It encourages students to engage critically with a formative era of the past that has shaped the Catholic Church and the development of the modern world. The Middle Ages saw the formation of the institutional Church and the rise of the papacy, the development of the nation and representative bodies, the origin of the university and modern legal systems, the creation of new artistic, literary, and musical forms, and even the formulation of notions such as romantic love and the individual “self.” Current methods in studying the Middle Ages enable scholars and students to engage with the Lasallian mission by studying the poor, displaced, and persecuted as well as the legendary, famous, and powerful.

The Medieval Studies Minor draws faculty and courses from at least six different departments in the School of Liberal Arts and encourages students to seek connections across the disciplines. The minor complements all majors in the humanities and provides a firm historical grounding for students in the social sciences and other areas who wish to understand a period that was crucial to the development of the modern world.

## Minor

### Requirements for a Medieval Studies Minor

15 credits to include:

LLRN 107	Medieval Origins of West Culture	
3 courses selected from:		9
ART 321	Medieval Art	
ENGL 312	Studies in Medieval British Literature	
HIST 304	Europe in the Middle Ages	
RELS 245	Medieval Christian Thought	
PHIL 315	Medieval Philosophy	
And an additional course selected from the above or any of the following:		3
ART 260	Monasticism and the Arts	
ENGL 369	Chaucer	
HIST 308	Premodern Women and Gender History	
HIST 319	The Crusades	
HIST 325	The Byzantine Empire	
ITAL 340	Medieval and Renaissance Italian Civilization	
RELS 214	Dante	
PHIL 210	Faith and Reason	
PHIL 401	Major's Seminar	

RELS 243 Early Christian Thought

RELS 244 The Catholic Mystics

Special Topics courses focusing on a medieval subject may be selected as an elective with the approval of the Medieval Studies program coordinator. A minimum grade of C is required for all courses in the minor.