MEDIEVAL STUDIES
(MEDIEVAL)

MEDIEVAL/HISTORY/RELIG ST 112 — THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY
(200-900 C.E.)
4 credits.
History of the Mediterranean World from the late Roman Empire to the
development of distinct European, Byzantine and Islamic civilizations (ca.
200-900 CE). Special attention will be paid to the rise and development of
Christianity and Islam. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

MEDIEVAL/LITTRANS 235 — THE WORLD OF SAGAS
3 credits.
The Icelandic sagas viewed in their social, cultural, and literary contexts.
An introduction to one of the greatest bodies of vernacular literature of
the early Middle Ages. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities
req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

MEDIEVAL/LITTRANS/RELIG ST 253 — OF DEMONS AND ANGELS.
DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY
3 credits.
Have you ever wondered about human nature? What is our place in
this world? Through readings, videos, and original images, explore
and discuss Dante's answers from one of the greatest world literary
classics, his Divine Comedy. From Hell, through Purgatory to Paradise,
we will travel together with Dante in a universal tale of the journey
of the human soul. Along the way, learn about Dante, his life and his
works, development of literary history, historical and socio-political
context of medieval Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East.
Make connections that cross today’s geographic and cultural lines
in an exploration of literary topics, the history of ideas, and shared
history, pondering universal concepts and patterns in the development of
civilization that can still be observed today. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities
req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

MEDIEVAL/LITTRANS 255 — BLACK DEATH AND MEDIEVAL LIFE
THROUGH BOCCACCIO'S DECAMERON
3 credits.
Have you ever wondered what it was like to live during the Black Death?
Were our medieval and early-modern ancestors different from us, or
are we challenged with similar problems? What can we learn from their
lives? And, if we could, what could we teach each other? Discuss these
topics while reading one of the world's greatest literary classics, Giovanni
Boccaccio's Decameron, a text that will make us both laugh and cry.
Through reading the Decameron, investigate medicine, art, culture,
music, politics, religion, interpersonal and transcultural relations, warfare,
fashion, gender and gender roles, as well as everyday life in the Middle
Ages and early modernity. Also examines medieval written documents,
twentieth-century feminist responses to the Decameron and filmic
renditions of it, medieval frescoes, historical descriptions of the plague,
and modern descriptions of, and reactions to, the COVID-19 pandemic.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities
req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

MEDIEVAL/HISTORY/RELIG ST 309 — THE CRUSADES: CHRISTIANITY
AND ISLAM
3-4 credits.
An examination of the Crusades from both Christian and Islamic
perspectives; the historical, social, and religious context and significance
of the Crusades for both Christians and Muslims. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

MEDIEVAL/HIST SCI 322 — ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL SCIENCE
3 credits.
Scientific ideas and institutions from the beginnings of Greek philosophy
to the Renaissance. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018
MEDIEVAL/FOLKLORE/RELIG ST/SCAND ST 342 — NORDIC MYTHOLOGY
3 credits.

Mythology, literature, ritual, traditions, medieval folklore, and religion from Nordic areas and Scandinavia. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2021

MEDIEVAL/FOLKLORE/LITTRANS/SCAND ST 345 — THE NORDIC STORYTELLER
3 credits.

Exploring the oral nature and performance traditions of folklore, ethnography, tales and ballads, literature and culture from Nordic areas and Scandinavia. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Satisfied Communications A requirement
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2022

MEDIEVAL/FOLKLORE/LITTRANS 346 — IN TRANSLATION: THE ICELANDIC SAGAS
3-4 credits.

Gain an understanding of saga literature as a genre and of the cultural history of Iceland in the Viking Era and the Middle Ages, based on the interplay between pagan codes of honor and Christian ethics. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2017

MEDIEVAL/SCAND ST 408 — INTERMEDIATE OLD NORSE
3 credits.

Designed with a linguistic purpose: to obtain a reading knowledge of Old Norse-Icelandic through the study of Old Icelandic grammar and selections of Old Norse-Icelandic texts. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: SCAND ST/MEDIEVAL 407
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021

MEDIEVAL/SCAND ST 409 — SURVEY OF OLD NORSE-ICELANDIC LITERATURE
3 credits.

Eddic and skaldic poetry; homilies and saints' lives, kings' sagas, sagas of the Icelanders; mythical-heroic sagas and romances; rimur. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: MEDIEVAL/SCAND ST 407 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2021

MEDIEVAL/SPANISH 414 — LITERATURA DE LA EDAD MEDIA CASTELLANA (SS. XII-XV)
3 credits.

The study of a particular author, work, topic, or literary genre of the Middle Ages and/or Early Renaissance (through 15th century): Poema de mio Cid, mester de juglaria, Libro de buen amor, mester de clerecia, El conde Lucanor, La Celestina, etc. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: SPANISH 223 and 224. Graduate students may not enroll
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2021

MEDIEVAL/ART HIST 415 — TOPICS IN MEDIEVAL ART
3 credits.

Advanced topics in Medieval art. Topics may include: "Death and the Afterlife in Medieval Art"; "Civic Art and Architecture and Public Space in Medieval Italy"; "Rome in the Middle Ages"; "Pilgrimage the Cult of the Saints in Medieval Byzantine Art." Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021
MEDIEVAL/ENGL 423 — TOPIC IN MEDIEVAL LITERATURE AND CULTURE
3 credits.

Study of a topic in medieval literature. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2020

MEDIEVAL/ENGL 424 — MEDIEVAL DRAMA
3 credits.

Dramatic traditions of medieval England, from early church rituals performed inside quiet monasteries in the tenth century to the elaborate and often raucous urban guild cycles and morality plays of the fifteenth, and with special attention to the significance of spirituality, work, and play in medieval culture. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

MEDIEVAL/ENGL 425 — MEDIEVAL ROMANCE
3 credits.

Important early form of narrative fiction, covering tales of adventure, magic, courtly love, and King Arthur from the twelfth through the fifteenth century. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

MEDIEVAL/ENGL 426 — CHAUCERS COURTLY POETRY
3 credits.

Poetry of the most famous and influential medieval English poet, from his short lyrics on love through his dream visions of talking birds and castles built on ice to the historical romance Troilus and Criseyde. Readings will be in the original Middle English; no prior experience with the language is required. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

MEDIEVAL/ENGL 427 — CHAUCER'S CANTERBURY TALES
3 credits.

Study of the most famous and influential medieval English poet through his best-known work and its playful and profound responses to some of the most pressing literary, social, political, and spiritual issues of his time. Readings will be in the original Middle English; no prior experience with the language is required. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

MEDIEVAL/SCAND ST 430 — THE VIKINGS
4 credits.

Within a historical framework, a thorough introduction to the culture, literature, and religion of the Vikings. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

MEDIEVAL/RELIG ST 440 — FRANCIS OF ASSISI: LITERATURE AND THE ARTS
3 credits.

Focus on accounts of St. Francis’s life as written by medieval authors (e.g., Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Thomas of Celano, the Franciscan Brother Leo) as well as works written by Francis himself. Examination of the relevance of Francis’s teachings to contemporary reflections regarding relationships with the Other, the environment and animals. Discussion of issues related to religion, politics, bio-politics and environmental studies. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

MEDIEVAL/SCAND ST 444 — KALEVALA AND FINNISH FOLK-LORE
4 credits.

Kalevala - the national epic of Finland - and the oral literature of Finland. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022
MEDIEVAL/FOLKLORE/SCAND ST 446 — CELTIC-SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL INTERRELATIONS
3 credits.
Examination of shared traditions and historical connections between the North and Northwest of Europe. Readings of medieval and premodern Scandinavian, Scottish, Welsh and Irish sagas, histories, tallies. Discussion of the role of folklore in modern Celtic and Scandinavian societies. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

MEDIEVAL/SPANISH 503 — SURVEY OF MEDIEVAL LITERATURE
3 credits.
Introduction to major 13th and 14th-century Castilian works. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

MEDIEVAL/SPANISH 504 — SURVEY OF MEDIEVAL LITERATURE
3 credits.
Introduction to major 14th and 15th-century Castilian works. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2017

MEDIEVAL/ENGL 520 — OLD ENGLISH
3 credits.
The elements of Old English grammar with selected readings. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Honors - Accelerated Honors (!)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

MEDIEVAL/ENGL 521 — ADVANCED OLD ENGLISH LITERATURE
3 credits.
An intensive study of a major work or works of Old English, usually focusing on either Beowulf or the poems of a single manuscript. Line-by-line translation of the text will be supplemented by discussion of related issues (whether linguistic, thematic, or contextual) as well as by readings from relevant critical literature. Primary texts will be read in Old English. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: MEDIEVAL/ENGL 520
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Honors - Accelerated Honors (!)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

MEDIEVAL/SPANISH 541 — OLD SPANISH
3 credits.
Historical Spanish phonology, morphology, and syntax, with application to theories of language variation and change. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

MEDIEVAL/HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST/S&A PHM 562 — BYZANTINE MEDICINE AND PHARMACY
3 credits.
Byzantine and Islamic medicine and drug lore from Oribasius to the beginnings of the Italian Renaissance (c. 350 - c. 1400 A.D.). Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

MEDIEVAL/LATIN 563 — MEDIAEVAL LATIN
3 credits.
Introduction to chronological, geographical, and generic range of postclassical Latin, including not only the "medieval" period but the late antique, Renaissance, and beyond. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2015
**MEDIEVAL/GERMAN 651 — INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE HIGH GERMAN**

3 credits.

Middle High German grammar and vocabulary with the goals of fluency and accuracy in reading medieval texts. Covers topics in phonology, morphology, syntax, and lexicon. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** (GERMAN 249, 258, and 262), (GERMAN 249 and 285), or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

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**MEDIEVAL/ITALIAN 659 — DANTE'S DIVINA COMMEDIA**

3 credits.

Lectures on Dante's life and times, reading Divine Comedy. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** ITALIAN 321, 322, or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

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**MEDIEVAL/ITALIAN 671 — THE 13TH CENTURY**

3 credits.

Systematic study of the earliest literary texts in Italy; the rise of the love lyric among the Sicilian poets; representative narrative works. The development of the lyric from Guittoe d'Arezzo to the poets of the Dolce Stil Nuovo. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** ITALIAN 321, 322, or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2014

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**MEDIEVAL 699 — DIRECTED STUDY**

1-3 credits.

Advanced directed study projects as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2012

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**MEDIEVAL/FRENCH 701 — INTRODUCTION TO OLD FRENCH**

3 credits.

Introduction to Old French with an emphasis on reading. Taught in French. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2015

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**MEDIEVAL/FRENCH 704 — LA LITTERATURE FRANCAISE DU XIV ET DU XV SIECLE**

3 credits.

Study of important literary works of the 14th and 15th centuries. Taught in French. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2020

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**MEDIEVAL/FRENCH 705 — LA LITTERATURE FRANCAISE DES DEBUTS JUSQU A LA FIN DU XIII SIECLE**

3 credits.

Study of important medieval literary works up to the 13th century. Taught in French. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2017

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**MEDIEVAL/SPANISH 718 — TOPICS IN MEDIEVAL SPANISH LITERATURE**

3 credits.

An advanced topics course focusing on themes, particular authors, individual works, or literary genres in medieval Spanish literature. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2019

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**MEDIEVAL/GERMAN 755 — OLD GERMANIC LANGUAGES**

3 credits.

Old High German, Old Saxon, and Gothic on a rotating basis. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022
**MEDIEVAL/ENGL 803 — TOPICS IN MEDIEVAL LITERATURE**
3 credits.

Study of a topic in Medieval literature. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2021

**MEDIEVAL/SPANISH 842 — SEMINAR-MEDIEVAL LITERATURE**
3 credits.

Seminar focusing on literary, textual criticism or theoretical topics relevant to Medieval Spanish literature. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2017

**MEDIEVAL/FRENCH 939 — MEDIEVAL LITERATURE**
3 credits.

Study of medieval literature. Taught in French. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2014