

# Medieval and Renaissance Studies Certificate

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## Overview

An intellectual interest in a historical time period far removed from our own brings many rewards: the pleasures of pursuing historical difference, of seeing how similar cultural questions received quite different answers, and, perhaps most importantly, of gaining the ability to project oneself imaginatively into another person's way of life. The Medieval and Renaissance Studies Certificate is designed to give students the freedom to undertake interdisciplinary work in several departments, which in turn will provide the tools necessary for viewing clearly not only a distant society, but also, in its reflection, our own. The certificate is an added credential that demonstrates a student's substantive grasp of complex cultural formations as well as a specialized intellectual challenge pursued in addition to the major.

Student work for the certificate will include coursework from at least three different departments, an important requirement given the interdisciplinary nature of the program. Students should not choose courses at a distance and should consult the program advisor in one of the participating departments or with the Director of Medieval and Renaissance Studies to reflect on what the student has learned in interrelated studies. Students interested in this certificate should address the pursuit of this certificate as soon as possible, ideally in the first semester of college. Latin is suggested for those who plan to do graduate work in the field.

The certificate program requires 15 credits, described as follows. Satisfactory completion of the certificate satisfies the Dietrich School Other requirements

- o What were the benefits and challenges of doing an interdisciplinary certificate?
- o Did ideas from one course relate to and/or enhance work for a course in a different department?
- o Can the student compare or combine the different

Before the middle of their final term of enrollment, students pursuing the certificate should submit the following to the program director:

The letter should be addressed to the Program Director