GR Minor - Medieval Studies

Ph.D. in History

Description

Students in the doctoral program may focus on the histories of Africa, America, Europe, and modern Latin America, with secondary fields in any of these regions as well as East Asia and the Middle East.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 54

Course Requirements

In addition to the Graduate School requirements for the Ph.D., the doctoral program in history includes the following specific requirements and regulations:

Foreign Language Requirement: Students must meet a minimum requirement of proficiency in one foreign language. The requirement may be met by either of the following methods:
1. Attainment of a passing grade of B or better in a fourth-semester (202-level) language course taught at the University of Mississippi. An equivalent course that has been completed within three calendar years prior to enrollment in the graduate program will satisfy this requirement.
2. Attainment of a passing grade on a departmentally administered translation exam or certification from another history department that the student has passed an equivalent translation exam within three calendar years prior to enrollment in the graduate program.

In certain fields a second language may be required. Students whose native language is not English are excused from the foreign language requirement.

Course Work: Ph.D. students should pursue a rationally structured course program, to be designed on an individual basis in close consultation with the Graduate Advisory Committee. In addition to Graduate School requirements, the following departmental course requirements must be met. Students who have not previously taken a graduate-level bibliography/methods course must take His 550 as soon as it is offered. Before they may petition to take the comprehensive examination, all Ph.D. students must take at least one 700-level research seminar, Professionalization and Colloquium II (His 602), at least two 600-level courses, and at least 6 hours of graduate course work in each of their minor fields. Students are strongly urged to take more than the prescribed minimum of course work. Upon consultation with the Graduate Advisory Committee, students may take 3 to 12 hours of graduate-level courses related to one or more of their fields outside the department. Up to 12 hours of such outside course work may be taken in one discipline to constitute a minor field outside the department.

Comprehensive Examinations: Ph.D. students are required to take written examinations in each of their two minor fields and a combined written and oral examination in their major field. The written and oral examinations for the minor fields and the major field as to be prepared, conducted, and evaluated by a committee of at least two faculty members in each case. The examination committees are appointed by the Graduate Advisory Committee in consultation with the student, the dissertation director, and the department chair. If one of the minor fields is outside the department, the examination committee in that field is to be composed of two faculty members from the outside department(s) and one faculty member from the Department of History. A student who fails a comprehensive examination is allowed to retake the examination one time. Comprehensive examinations will be offered two or three times per year at designated times. These times will be publicized and made available to all graduate students and faculty.

Ph.D. Dissertation: Ph.D. students should select a faculty member in the department who is willing to direct a dissertation in their major field no later than the end of their third semester. The dissertation director in consultation with the student and the Graduate Advisory Committee will select two additional faculty members within the department and one faculty member from another department willing to serve as readers and members of a dissertation committee. The dissertation director will be the student's primary adviser and liaison with the Graduate Advisory Committee, and together with the other two members of the dissertation committee pass judgment on the dissertation.

Final Oral Examination: The final oral examination is directed primarily to the defense of the dissertation.

Other Academic Requirements

Advisers: Each graduate student is expected to select an adviser in the intended research area (or area of specialization), who is willing to act in that capacity, not later than the end of the second semester in the program. That adviser will consult with the student on the student’s schedule. Students also shall be advised and have their schedules approved by the department’s Graduate Advisory Committee.

Graduate Minors

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Medieval studies is essentially an interdisciplinary field. Within the vast temporal, and geographic scope encompassed by the Middle Ages, medieval scholars specialize in a particular culture. Their comprehensive knowledge of it derives from their hybridized study of its art, history, music, literature, and languages. For a young professional, the graduate minor in medieval studies would imply to prospective employers that he or she has received the interdisciplinary training distinctive to and expected of medieval scholars.

Course Requirements

A student may pursue a graduate minor in medieval studies if he or she has been admitted in full standing to a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree program. Prospective students will submit a petition to the medieval studies core faculty after having completed half (6 credit hours) of their course work toward the minor. In this petition, the student will describe his or her past study in the field, outline his or her future course work, and explain how the course work completed for the medieval studies graduate minor coheres with his or her scholarship and career plans.

The graduate minor in medieval studies will consist of 12 credit hours of approved courses from the list below, and a Latin requirement. No course below the 500 level may count toward the graduate minor. A maximum of 6 hours may be taken in the student's home department. A maximum of 6 hours may count toward both the student's home degree program and the medieval studies graduate minor.

Students must satisfy the Latin requirement in one of three ways. First, students with no prior Latin training can take Lat 101 and Lat 102 (or their...
equivalent). Second, students with prior Latin training can earn a "High Pass" on a Latin reading exam designed and evaluated by the medieval studies graduate core faculty. Any student who does not earn the High Pass will have a second opportunity to do so. He or she must get a High Pass on the retake before the end of the semester after the initial attempt. If he or she does not earn a High Pass on the second attempt, the student must take a 500-level or 600-level Latin course from the approved list, which will count toward the 12 hours of course work. Third, students with prior Latin training may take a 500-level or 600-level Latin course from the approved list. They must earn a grade of B (3.0) or higher in it to satisfy the Latin requirement. Students who opt to satisfy the requirement by taking this course may count it toward the graduate minor's 12 credit hours.

**Approved Courses for the Graduate Minor in Medieval Studies:**

- **Art History**
  - AH 532. Early Christian, Byzantine, and Islamic Art
  - AH 534. Early Medieval Art and Archaeology
  - AH 536. Viking Art and Archaeology
  - AH 538. Romanesque and Gothic Art

- **English**
  - Eng 506. Old English I
  - Eng 507. Old English II: Beowulf
  - Eng 508. History of the English Language
  - Eng 703. Studies in Early English Literature
  - Eng 705. Middle English
  - Eng 706. Chaucer
  - Eng 707. Studies in Middle English Literature

- **Latin**
  - Lat 621. Latin Prose
  - Lat 629. Medieval Latin
  - Lat 631. Latin Poetry
  - Lat 632. Vergil
  - Lat 633. Ovid

- **Modern Languages**
  - Fr 574. History of the French Language
  - Fr 577. Survey of French Lit I (Med to 17th Century)
  - Fr 582. French Medieval and Renaissance Literature
  - Germ 574. History of the German Language
  - Germ 577. Survey of German Literature and Culture to 1600
  - Eng/Ling 513. Old Norse
  - Span 574. History of the Spanish Language
  - Span 577. Survey of Spanish Lit I

- **Music**
  - Mus 501. Medieval and Renaissance Music