Undergraduate Courses & Degree Programs

AY 2022-2023
Interested in learning about the Medieval & Renaissance worlds?

Whether you are intrigued by legends of King Arthur, Medieval magic and witchcraft, or the reign of England’s Queen Elizabeth I, the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and its affiliated departments offer courses covering an array of periods, cultures, and topics. Students can also major or minor in MedRen Studies, choosing courses with the help of an advisor that fit their individual interests and academic goals. Students can gain a Minor with as few as 15 credits (typically 5 courses), some of which will also count towards their GE requirements. CMRS courses and programs are open to students from across the university.

Please consult the CMRS website, https://cmrs.osu.edu, each semester for a list of upcoming courses offered through the Center and our affiliated departments. A Master List of Approved MedRen courses is also available online.
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

MINOR IN MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES (15 UNITS*)

A minimum of 15 units with the following distribution criteria must be met:
• Courses must be selected from the Center’s list of approved courses**;
• Courses must be offered by departments other than the department of your major;
• Courses must be chosen from the list of approved courses according to the following breakdown in credit hours:
  o Medieval and Renaissance Studies courses (6 units)
  o Text-based courses (3 units)
  o Civilization courses (3 units)
  o Art courses (3 units);
• At least 9 units must be taken in courses at the 3000 level and above, 6 units may be at the 2000 level;
• Credit for individual study and workshop courses may not exceed three units; AND
• Credits from seminars and special topics courses offered by affiliated departments may count toward degree upon approval by CMRS advisor.

MAJOR IN MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES (33 UNITS*)

• 6 units (2 courses) in MedRen core courses.
• 3 units in MedRen 5695, a senior seminar and Third Writing Course.
• 6 units (2 courses) in a foreign language pertinent to Medieval and Renaissance Studies beyond the 1103 level (may be language or literature, excluding courses without language prerequisites).
• 18 units in approved Medieval and Renaissance courses** from at least two CMRS affiliate departments, selected according to individual area of concentration, with no more than 3 units at 2000 level.

Expected Learning Outcomes for Majors
1. Medieval and Renaissance Studies Majors will demonstrate a broad, interdisciplinary appreciation of the history and culture of the Medieval and Renaissance world.
2. Students demonstrate skill at critical thinking through the study of diverse disciplines and languages.
3. Students demonstrate skill at utilization of primary and secondary sources.
4. Students demonstrate the capacity to express themselves and to exercise sharpened communication skills in exams, papers, and discussions.
**MedRen 2215 - Gothic Paris: 1100 - 1300**

WeFr 11:10-12:30, 129 Mendenhall, Kristen Figg (CMRS)

An introduction to arts, architecture, poetry, history, music, theology, foods, fashions, and urban geography in Paris 1100-1300, the age of Gothic Cathedrals and the rise of the university.

**MedRen 5610 - Manuscript Studies**

TuTh 12:45-2:05, 150A Thompson Library, Leslie Lockett (English) and Eric Johnson (University Libraries)

This course introduces students to the pre-print culture of the European Middle Ages and trains them in the fundamental skills required to read and understand handwritten books, documents, and scrolls from ca. 500-1500 AD. Students will work with manuscripts held in the OSU library’s Special Collections and will benefit from numerous guest lectures. Knowledge of Latin and other medieval languages is NOT a prerequisite for enrollment.

For Spring 2023 course offerings & more information visit: cmrs.osu.edu