Medieval Studies
Honours, Majors & Minors

“UVic Medieval Studies has been operating for over thirty years. Our program is distinctive in Canada for its emphasis on the Study of the Global Middle Ages. The interconnectedness of the medieval world is central to our teaching and outreach. Come explore a range of extraordinary and influential artistic, intellectual, and social achievements. Study diverse cultural practices and artefacts that continue to shape how we think and act in the modern world.”

Allan Mitchell, Program Director

Get Involved
There are many chances to be involved on campus with Medieval Studies.

- Annual Medieval Conference
- Join the MEDI Course Union
- Pop-up events
- Follow us on Twitter!

@UVicMedi

Explore
Our program is expanding the ways we understand the medieval period — aiming to comprehend an interconnected and non-Eurocentric world.

Our students explore philosophy, politics, science, art, literature, and religion across the globe. Considering times and places very different from our own can result in a broader understanding of the present.

The medieval period has been idealized as an age of heroics and misunderstood as a dark epoch. It instead embraces a complex set of historical and cultural moments, marked by extraordinary artistic, intellectual, and social achievements.

Do not hesitate to contact us
medi@uvic.ca

Pursue an Honours, Major, or Minor in Medieval Studies
uvic.ca/medi
Eligible Courses for your Program Requirements

- MEDI 360
- MEDI 320
- MEDI 330
- MEDI 420
- MEDI 430
- MEDI 440
- MEDI 445

Choose 4.5 units from MEDI with no more than 1.5 from any one department.

Choose 9 units from MEDI with no more than 3.0 from any one department.

Complete 4.5 units from:
- MEDI 360
- MEDI 320
- MEDI 330
- MEDI 420
- MEDI 430
- MEDI 440
- MEDI 445

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Language requirement

Honours Thesis (MEDI 499)

Choose 15 units from MEDI with no more than 4.5 from any one department.

Discover Medieval Studies

Our first and second-year courses provide great electives for all students and an excellent initiation to future MEDI students. Take a journey of exploration and discover your own path.

- MEDI 100: Entering the Middle Ages
- MEDI 200: Myths and Legends of the Middle Ages

Honours

If you are interested in our Honours program you will need a minimum overall GPA of 6.0 in 3.0 units of program courses at the 300 and 400 level. Honours candidates are required to have their program of courses approved by the director of Medieval Studies.

Complete MEDI 360

1.5 units from:
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- MEDI 420
- MEDI 430
- MEDI 440
- MEDI 445

Language requirement

Honours Thesis (MEDI 499)

Need Electives?

Need electives? See our list of recommendations at:

Take advantage of the first years

Explore and discover MEDI and other courses in the first two years, a good time to start building electives and language requirements. Keep all your options open and declare early: meet advisers to discuss combined degrees, plan your future with your talents and your dreams in mind.

Annual Medieval Conference

Daily Life in the Medieval Household

2023, Feb 4th

Please join us on Saturday, February 4, 2023, for a look at the comforts, hazards, and secrets of daily life in the medieval household. From Beijing to Baghdad to Bergen, what was the level of material enjoyment and efficiency in medieval homes around the world? How many people slept in one bed? To what extent were belongings shared and safeguarded? What were the roles of children among other members of kith and kin? Who was included and excluded? Join us for a one-day exploration of medieval domesticity and daily life.

Master of the Dresden Prayer Book, Scenes of Temperate and Intemperate Living, c. 1475

Pop-up Events

Join us for free and informational demonstrations in how scholars reconstruct the past.

Poetry Socials

An informal gathering to enjoy what makes Medieval poetry valuable and interesting for modern readers.