Medieval & Renaissance Studies Certificate Program

The Medieval and Renaissance Studies Certificate Program at Wichita State University allows students to explore the diversity of European culture and receive credit for doing so. Interdisciplinary in nature, the program draws from WSU’s course offerings in Art History, English Literature, History, Languages, Musicology, and Political Science, promoting a broad-based understanding of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

The program offers undergraduate students the advantages of linked courses and in-depth study of a field, thus improving their prospects for graduate study. Graduate students are offered an opportunity to build from possible previously taken courses in order to complete the program and include it among their academic achievements.

CURRICULUM:

This 18-credit hour undergraduate certificate may be earned by any undergraduate or graduate student. Students must take coursework from at least three departments, including history, literature, language, and another discipline. All grades for the certificate must be C or better. Students must take at least one course in a medieval language. The certificate may be combined with a major (e.g., English, History) or taken as an elective interest. Classes transferred from other universities may apply toward the certificate with the approval of the coordinating committee. The certificate will be recorded on the students' transcript. Students should be advised by a member of the coordinating committee. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of this program, it is likely that some students have already taken many of the certificate’s required courses and may be only a few credits away from completing the certificate.

Language Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of one course in a medieval language. However, those anticipating graduate work in a field within medieval and Renaissance studies are strongly encouraged to take the Latin sequence (Latin 111-112-224). Students may choose from the following:

- Latin
- Medieval Spanish
- Middle English
- Middle French
- Old English

Note: Modern language courses (e.g. French 111) do not count toward the 18 hours needed to complete the certificate. Languages not taught on a regular basis may be taken as independent study courses with the permission of the instructor.

Final Project

The Final Project for the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Certificate Program should be a substantial essay of not less than 20 pages of text (not including notes) that uses primary sources. The essay may
be written as part of the student’s coursework. The essay should be submitted to the program coordinator at least three months before the student graduates.

The student will present his/her project at a Final Project Review scheduled by the coordinator and staffed by the coordinator, the professor who supervised the writing of the essay, and one other program faculty member.

A list of eligible courses can be found here:  
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=medren&p=/listingofeligiblecourses/

This certificate program is not eligible for Title IV (federal financial aid) funding unless the certificate is part of the degree program you are pursuing or the certificate has been specified as a Gainful Employment (aid eligible) program.

Please see the WSU Undergraduate Catalogue for a complete list of requirements and additional information.

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