

**The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies**  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
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## **Graduate Certificate in Medieval Studies**

While the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program and the Marco Institute are not degree-granting programs, we do offer a graduate certificate.

The Graduate Certificate in Medieval Studies enables students with an interest in medieval topics to acquire a broad foundation in the interdisciplinary approaches to medieval research and to begin putting these approaches into practice. For students earning MAs or PhDs in traditional disciplines, the program will augment their training and may make them more attractive candidates for academic positions.

Prospective candidates for the certificate may take up to six hours of certificate classes before making application for admission to the certificate program. Once admitted to the program they must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. Application to the certificate program must be made to the Chair of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program (Dr. Thomas E. Burman) by submitting a letter of application and copies of undergraduate transcripts (and graduate transcripts, if applicable).

A minimum of 15 hours is required; all courses must be selected in consultation with the Chair of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program or with an alternative adviser within the Program or from the student's home department. The adviser should approve all courses for individual students prior to their being taken, except that, as noted above, up to six hours may be accepted from candidates upon admission. The awarding of the certificate requires final approval from the Program Chair. Students satisfy the requirements of the certificate program by selecting their 15 hours from the courses listed below.

### **Requirements:**

- Medieval and Renaissance Studies 510
- 12 additional hours chosen from at least two disciplines. A minimum of 6 hours must be taken in one discipline. Students may choose from the following courses -- Architecture 511, Art History 425, 431, 441, 451, 571, Classics 435, 445, 571, 572, 573, English 401, 402, 403, 508, 513, 514, 610, 611, 620, 621, French 410, 540, German 541, History 529, 530, 531, 629, 630, 631, Italian 401, 402, 403, Medieval and Renaissance Studies 510, Musicology 540, Philosophy 520, 620, Political Science 475, Religious Studies 523, Spanish 531, 532. Topics and special topics courses, where appropriate, may be substituted for any of the above courses with the permission of the co-Chairs of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program.
- Demonstration of competency in reading medieval Latin either by 1) earning a B+ or higher in CLAS 435 and CLAS 571 or 2) passing University of Toronto's Level One Medieval Latin Exam, given periodically on campus. Where appropriate, students may substitute competency in reading medieval Greek, Hebrew, or Arabic. The chair of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, in conjunction with the Marco Graduate Curriculum Committee, will establish standards for determining competency in these languages as need arises.
- Evidence of professionalization in Medieval Studies in the form of a formal, twenty-minute presentation of original research to take place on campus for Medieval Studies faculty, students, and the public. The presentation should demonstrate interdisciplinarity and may grow out of a course or seminar paper. Normally the presentation will take place in the semester that the certificate is granted.

