Medieval Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

The interdisciplinary minor calls for a total of 21 hours of undergraduate credit, consisting of the following:

- A 1 credit introductory course, Introduction to Medieval Studies.
- A 3 credit Latin component.
- Five 3 credit courses selected from the following disciplines: Medieval Art History, Medieval Literature, Medieval History, Medieval Philosophy, Medieval Political Science, Medieval Theology.
- A 2 credit capstone course, Medieval Synthesis.

(1 Credit) Introduction to Medieval Studies (MDRN-A200) is a one-credit course meeting once per week for fourteen weeks. In all, eleven lectures will be delivered by faculty from the six departments of the Humanities and from the department of Political Science; in addition, tours will be conducted of the Vatican Film Library, the Rare Book and Manuscript Collections, and the medieval-related resources of the Pius XII Memorial Library. Also functions as a stand-alone course serving as a primer for medieval studies and as a vehicle for attracting new students. It is not conceived as a prerequisite for any other particular course.

(3 Credits) Latin Component. Competence in Latin through the intermediate level is required of all candidates.

LATN-210: Intermediate Latin. Offered every Fall.
LATN-410: Introduction to Post-Classical Latin. Offered every other Fall.
LATN-411: Medieval Latin Readings I. Offered every other Spring.
LATN-412: Medieval Latin Readings II. Offered every other Spring.

(15 Credits) Choose a 3 credit course from 5 of the following 6 disciplines ...

1. Medieval Art History.
   ARTH-240: Medieval Art Survey. Offered periodically.
   ARTH-341: Gothic Art. Offered periodically.
   ARTH-441: Medieval Women and Art. Offered periodically.

2. Medieval Literature. This elective can be selected from various offerings from the departments of English and Modern and Classical Languages. Efforts will be made to develop a new survey course that will include the most significant works both of Latin literature and of the vernacular literatures of the medieval period.
   ENGL-422 to 429: A number of courses on English medieval literature. Offered alternate years.
   SPAN-441: Spanish Literary Culture. Offered periodically.
   FREN-493: Special Topics. Offered occasionally.
   GERM-493: Special Topics. Offered occasionally.
   ITAL-493: Special Topics. Offered occasionally.
   RUSS-493: Special Topics. Offered occasionally.
   SPAN-493: Special Topics. Offered occasionally.

   HIST-303: Byzantine History. Offered on alternate years.
   HIST-304: The Middle Ages to 1100. Offered on alternate years.
   HIST-305: The Middle Ages 1100-1440. Offered on alternate years.
   HIST-306: The Crusades. Offered on alternate years.

4. Medieval Philosophy.
   PHIL-440: History of Medieval Philosophies. Offered every Spring.

5. Medieval Political Science.
   POLS-371: Ancient & Medieval Classics in Political Thought. Offered alternate years.
THEO-220: Special Topics/Historical Theology. Offered alternate years.
THEO-320: Special Topics/Historical Theology. Offered alternate years.
THEO-434: Medieval Church History. Offered alternate years.

(2 credits) Capstone Course.
Medieval Synthesis (MDRN-400), the proposed capstone course, offered each semester, is a 2-credit course requiring the candidate to write a research paper 35 pages in length on a medieval topic approached from an interdisciplinary point of view, written with the guidance of a member of the faculty (the Faculty member will be credited with the work-load equivalent of a two-credit Independent Study). It should be pointed out that students considering such a certificate program are not faced with a block of 21 credits to be added to those of the Core and of their Major(s) or Minor. Several of these courses can do "double duty" either in the student's major or minor, or among the Core requirements. The interdisciplinary minor program is truly interdisciplinary in scope and approach and takes advantage of traditional strengths within the College of Arts and Sciences. At 21 credits, the program falls into the low end of the range of aggregate credits for interdisciplinary programs (18 – 30) and will provide an attractive complement to any major within the College.