

MEDIEVAL STUDIES, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Medieval Studies, a minimum of 123 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	24
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements	24
Requirements for the Major	30

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if world language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MEDVL 107	Medieval Europe	3
or HIST 107	Medieval Europe	
MEDVL 108	Medieval Civilization	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 24 credits (at least 12 credits at the 400-level) from the program list of courses dealing with the Middle Ages from no less than three of the following areas:		24
Art		
ARTH 201	Ancient to Medieval Architecture	
ARTH 312	Romanesque and Gothic Art	
ARTH 402	The Illuminated Manuscript	
ARTH 412	The Gothic Cathedral	
ARTH 422	Studies in Medieval Sculpture	
ARTH 442	Late Antique and Early Christian Art	
ARTH 452	Byzantine Art	

History	
HIST 105	The Byzantine Empire
HIST 108	Crusades: Holy War in the Middle Ages
HIST 141	Medieval and Modern Russia
HIST 165	Islamic States, Societies and Cultures c. 600-1500
HIST 407	Early Medieval Society
HIST 408	Church and State in the High Middle Ages
HIST 411	Medieval Britain
HIST 412	Innovation in Medieval Europe
HIST 413	Medieval Celtic Studies
HIST 471Y	Classical Islamic Civilization, 600-1258
HIST 480	Japan in the Age of Warriors
Literature and Language	
CMLIT 1	Introduction to Western Literatures Through the Renaissance
CMLIT 106	The Arthurian Legend
CMLIT 401Y	
CMLIT 408	Heroic Literature
ENGL 221W	British Literature to 1798
ENGL 441	Chaucer
ENGL 442	Medieval English Literature
FR 351	French and Francophone Literature: Poetry, Theatre, and Performance
GER 175	Germanic Heroic and Medieval Literature in English Translation
GER 430	History of the German Language
GER 431	Dragons, the Divine, and the Demonic: German Literature, Culture, and Media from the Middle Ages to 1750
HEBR 10	Jewish Civilization
IT 415	Dante
IT 490	Dante in Translation
SPAN 130	Iberian Civilization
SPAN 353	Topics in the Cultures of Spain
SPAN 418	The Evolution of Spanish
Medieval Studies	
MEDVL 197	Special Topics
MEDVL 199	Foreign Studies
MEDVL 294	Research Project
MEDVL 299	Foreign Studies
MEDVL 395	Internship
MEDVL 399	Foreign Studies
MEDVL 411	Medieval Britain
MEDVL 413	Medieval Celtic Studies
MEDVL 494	Research Project
MEDVL 496	Independent Studies
MEDVL 497	Special Topics
MEDVL 499	Foreign Studies
Philosophy and Religious Studies	
PHIL 201	Medieval Philosophy
RLST 120	New Testament
RLST 420	(upon advising)

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements

World Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one world language in addition to English. This proficiency must be demonstrated by either examination or course work. See the Placement Policy for Penn State World Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/>).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, World Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; world language credits in this category must be in a second world language in addition to English or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language). Credits must be selected from the list of approved courses.

World Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the University Cultural Diversity (US/IL) requirement.