

Masters in Mediaeval Studies

Taught Element:

40 credits: MS5001

40 credits: (MS5021 + MS5022) or MS5028 or Arabic or Greek language modules at the level appropriate to the student's level of proficiency.

20 - 40 credits: MS5025/ME5012, MS5026, MS5027 or 40 credits from MS5024, plus one Italian language module at the level appropriate to the student's level of proficiency (if Arabic or Greek is not taken),

MLitt:

120 credits as for the Taught Element plus MS5099

MPhil:

120 credits as for the Taught Element plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

For all Masters degrees there are exit awards available that allow suitably-qualified candidates to receive a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma.

Compulsory Modules:

MS5001 Approaches to Mediaeval Studies				
SCOTCAT Credits:	40	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Whole Year
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
The module is structured thematically in order to cover a range of themes essential to understanding multi-disciplinary approaches to the Middle Ages. Each seminar will explore a broad issue from a variety of disciplinary and theoretical perspectives, using selected texts, images and artifacts to anchor discussion.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr A Woolf			

MS5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Whole Year
Planned timetable:	At times to be arranged with the supervisor.			
A 15,000 word interdisciplinary dissertation, to be written under the supervision of teaching staff, who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. To be submitted by the end of August.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Mediaeval Studies MLitt Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Individual supervision.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%			

Optional Modules:

ME5012 Sources and Source Criticism (20)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module addresses interpretation and criticism of mediaeval sources. A taught core in semester one concentrates upon a selected central body of documentation and its associated problems and introduces appropriate skills training. This is completed in semester two by an extended paper, together with training in seminar presentation and discussion skills. Students taking this module as a 20 credit option in the MLitt in Mediaeval Studies will complete only the taught core in semester one.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme. (Reported under MS5025)			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1.5-hour seminar and individual tutorials as required.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

MS5021 Core Language and Text Skills 1 (Greek, Italian or Arabic)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
An optional module providing an introduction to one of the core languages for studying the Middle Ages.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar each week.			
Assessment pattern:	Pass/Fail			

MS5022 Core Language and Text Skills 2 (Greek, Italian or Arabic)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
An optional module providing an introduction to one of the core languages for studying the Middle Ages.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar each week.			
Assessment pattern:	Pass/Fail			

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MS5023 An Introduction to Palaeography with Codicological and Manuscript Studies				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Whole Year
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This hands-on, practical, source-based module is designed to equip the student to tackle the reading, transcription and editing of manuscripts up to c.1500. Primarily a practical skills course, class time will concentrate primarily on the actual reading of manuscripts and necessary codicological work, with (e.g.) editing skills being introduced within the context of transcription assignments. Efforts will be made to include work with original sources from the Library's collections, which are of relevance to special subjects and/or dissertation.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar and 1 practical each week.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

MS5024 Mediaeval Language				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1 & 2 (taught twice)
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
An optional module providing an introduction to one mediaeval language. Grounding in the grammar of and translation from the language will be acquired with the help of grammar exercises and translation practice on original texts. The aim is to get all students to an acceptable level of proficiency in reading and translation. Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level may be requested. Time and students' linguistic expertise permitting, some literary contextualisation of the texts studied and translated may also be included. The languages normally available include, Middle Scots, Old Norse, Old English, Mediaeval French and Middle High German.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

MS5025 Discipline Skills				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This is a specialised module introducing students to one particular discipline within mediaeval studies. This can either be mediaeval art history, mediaeval English literature, mediaeval French language and literature, mediaeval German language and literature, mediaeval history, or mediaeval Italian literature. Both students already familiar with the discipline and newcomers are welcome.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

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MS5026 Directed Reading in Mediaeval Studies 1				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module is a detailed study of a Mediaeval topic of the student's own choice taught by tutorials with one or more colleagues in the participating Schools.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 tutorial.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

MS5027 Directed Reading in Mediaeval Studies 2				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module is a detailed study of a Mediaeval topic of the student's own choice taught by tutorials with one or more colleagues in the participating Schools.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 tutorial.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

MS5028 Latin for Mediaeval Studies				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Whole Year
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides an introduction to Latin language for the study of the Middle Ages.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			