Masters in Mediaeval Studies

Taught Element:

40 credits: MS5001 Approaches to Mediaeval Studies

20 - 40 credits: MS5028 Latin for Mediaeval Studies* (20 credits) or (MS5021 + MS5022 Core Languages and Text Skills (Arabic or Greek) (40 credits))

40 - 60 credits: MS5023 Introduction to Palaeography*, MS5024 Mediaeval Language, (MS5025 Discipline Skills OR ME5012 Sources and Source Criticism)(20)), MS5026 Directed Reading in Mediaeval Studies (Semester 1) MS5027 Directed Reading in Mediaeval Studies (Semester 2)

 * Students will normally take MS5023 if they take MS5028

MLitt:

120 credits as for the Taught Element plus the Dissertation 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 introduces students to a range of themes essential to understanding multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to the Middle Ages. Each seminar will explore a broad issue from a variety of theoretical perspectives, using selected texts, images and artefacts to anchor discussion. In the first semester, the module uses the twelfth-century German epic poem *Nibelungenlied* as its focal point; in the second semester, it explores the many manifestations of the cult of the Virgin Mary				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly seminar and other teaching as appropriate.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof B Bildhauer			

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 deadline in the second half 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:

MS5021 Core Language and Text Skills 1 (Greek 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			
Co-requisite(s):	MS5022			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar each week.			
Assessment pattern:	Pass/Fail			

MS5022 Core Language and Text Skills 2 (Greek 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			
Co-requisite(s):	MS5021			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar each week.			
Assessment pattern:	Pass/Fail			

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			
Co-requisite(s):	Usually MS5028			
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 apropriate 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%

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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
Antt-requisite (s):	ME5012
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	2-hour seminar.
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%

OR

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. It concentrates upon a selected central body of documentation and its associated problems and introduces appropriate skills training. Both sutdents already familiar with the challenge of mediaeval sources and newcomers are welcome.

Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme.
Antt-requisite (s):	MS5025
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1.5-hour seminar and individual tutorials as required.
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%

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			
Co-requisite(s):	Usually MS5023			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			