MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES

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The Medieval and Early Modern Studies program offers a major and a minor, which enable students to study medieval and early modern cultures in the period between 300 and 1800 A.D.

Both the major and minor are interdisciplinary and foster a global perspective, combining a broad background in various aspects of medieval and early modern culture with more specialized study in a selected field. These fields of emphasis or specialized study include medieval and early modern art history, history, literature (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish, or Latin), music, philosophy, or religion.

Bachelor's Program

• Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Medieval and Early Modern Studies (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/medieval-early-modern-studies/medieval-early-modern-studies-ba/)

Minor


Medieval and Early Modern Studies does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MDEM)

MDEM 101 - ELEMENTARY LATIN I
Short Title: ELEMENTARY LATIN I
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Study of the fundamentals of Latin grammar with emphasis on acquisition of reading skills. Effective May 15, 2019, this course does not carry D1 credit. Cross-list: LATI 101.

MDEM 102 - ELEMENTARY LATIN II
Short Title: ELEMENTARY LATIN II
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Prerequisite(s): LATI 101 or MDST 101 or MDEM 101
Description: Continuation of LATI 101 and MDST 101. Graduate students require permission of instructor. Effective May 15, 2019, this course does not carry D1 credit. Cross-list: LATI 102.
MDEM 103 - INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM
Short Title: INTRO TO JEWISH MYSTICISM
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Surveys the historical development and central themes of Jewish mysticism. From the bible to ancient mysticism to medieval Kabbalah to modern expressions, we will critically reflection the ideas such as divine presence in the world, the cultivation of insight and magical powers, contemplative and restorative practices, and charismatic authority. Cross-list: RELI 104.

MDEM 111 - INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF WESTERN ART I: ANTIQUITY TO GOTHIC
Short Title: INTRO TO HIST OF WESTERN ART I
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: A survey of painting, sculpture, and architecture from Antiquity through the 15th century. Cross-list: CLAS 102, HART 101. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for MDEM 111 if student has credit for HART 220.

MDEM 120 - MEDIEVAL CIVILIZATIONS
Short Title: MEDIEVAL CIVILIZATIONS
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Focusing on the period between 300-1500 CE, the course will survey political institutions, society, and culture in medieval European, Byzantine, and Islamic civilizations. Topics include Christianization of Europe, the rise of Islam, the Crusades, scholastic theology, persecution of heretics, bubonic plague, and the rise of centralized monarchies. Cross-list: HIST 120.

MDEM 121 - INTERMEDIATE LATIN I: PROSE
Short Title: INTERMEDIATE LATIN I: PROSE
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Review of grammar and readings in Latin prose. Cross-list: LATI 201.

MDEM 205 - MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD
Short Title: MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Course examines the political, institutional, military, and cultural development of the societies that successively dominated the "Middle Sea" from AD 500-1500 in Europe and the Islamic World. It highlights the Mediterranean legacy of commercial, cultural, and religious exchange and coexistence, as well as its history of confrontation and warfare. Cross-list: HIST 205.

MDEM 210 - MEDIEVAL VIOLENCE
Short Title: MEDIEVAL VIOLENCE
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Discussion course looks at private and large-scale warfare during the European Middle Ages. It considers how violence was legitimized and carried out, and examines attitudes towards violence and its effects on society. Topics include theoretical approaches to violence, crusading, chivalry, Truce of God, rituals of violence, military technologies, and cinematic portrayals of medieval warfare. Cross-list: HIST 211.

MDEM 211 - INTERMEDIATE LATIN II
Short Title: INTERMEDIATE LATIN II
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, undergraduate Professional or Visiting undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Readings in Virgil. Cross-list: LATI 201.
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MDEM 222 - MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE ERAS

- **Short Title:** MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE ERAS
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
- **Prerequisite(s):** MUSI 211 or MUSI 317
- **Description:** Introduction to the study of Western music history, with emphasis on music before 1600. Score reading ability required. Cross-list: MUSI 222.

MDEM 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS

- **Short Title:** SPECIAL TOPICS
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Lecture/Laboratory, Seminar, Independent Study
- **Credit Hours:** 1-4
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
- **Description:** Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

MDEM 271 - MEDIEVAL POPULAR CHRISTIANITY

- **Short Title:** MEDIEVAL POPULAR CHRISTIANITY
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
- **Description:** For much of the Middle Ages, literacy was a luxury that ordinary people could not afford. How could peasants participate in Christian traditions? Course surveys devotional practices engaged by the laity, including penance, pilgrimage, plays, charms and spells, as well as traditions of lay interaction with dead saints and ghosts. Cross-list: RELI 271.

MDEM 281 - GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM

- **Short Title:** GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
- **Description:** Introduction to the Islamic World from the 8th century to the 13th century. Topics include conquests and classical Islamic states, Arabization, Jewish and Christian communities, impact of Turkic peoples, and the Ottoman Empire, with emphasis on social, cultural, artistic, and scientific trends that shaped the region's history. Cross-list: HIST 281.

MDEM 306 - DISABILITY IN THE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN WORLD

- **Short Title:** DISABILITY IN MED & EARLY MOD
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Seminar
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** A study of disability and impairment during the medieval and early modern periods. Students will approach the subject through primary and secondary readings, including theoretical tests on disability studies and the humanities.

MDEM 308 - THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY

- **Short Title:** THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** Study of the social, religious, and political history of the Roman world from Diocletian to the rise of Islam, with emphasis on the breaking of the unity of the Mediterranean world and the emergence of early medieval societies in the east and west. Cross-list: HIST 308.

MDEM 311 - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AFRICA

- **Short Title:** THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AFRICA
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** Thematic coverage of developments throughout the continent from the Lower Paleolithic to medieval times, with emphasis on food production, metallurgy and the rise of cities and complex societies. Cross-list: ANTH 312.

MDEM 316 - CHAUCER

- **Short Title:** CHAUCER
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** An introduction to Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales, Middle English, and the political and cultural climate of the fourteenth century. Cross-list: ENGL 316, SWGS 305.
### MDEM 317 - ARTHURIAN LITERATURE
- **Short Title:** ARTHURIAN LITERATURE
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** This course examines key themes of art and ritual in Daoism and Buddhism. From southern Asia to China, commonalities and contrasts appear in cosmology, art, ritual, and soteriology. This team-taught course combines expertise in Daoist art, Chinese art history, and Buddhist traditions of India, Nepal, and Tibet. Distribution 1 credit effective Fall 2022. Cross-list: ASIA 323, HART 323.

### MDEM 319 - MEDIEVAL ROMANCE
- **Short Title:** MEDIEVAL ROMANCE
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** A course that examines the development of romance as a genre during the medieval period. Cross-list: ENGL 314.

### MDEM 320 - DIRECTED READING IN MEDIEVAL STUDIES
- **Short Title:** DIRECTED READING MEDIEVAL STDY
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Independent Study
- **Credit Hours:** 1-3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** Student works one-on-one with an individual faculty member on a topic directly related to Medieval Studies. Instructor Permission Required.

### MDEM 323 - BUDDHIST AND DAOIST ART AND RITUAL
- **Short Title:** BUDDHIST & DAOIST ART & RITUAL
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Seminar
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** A survey of the origins and development of the Arthurian legend from the earliest chronicles in the sixth century and later medieval French, Welsh, Irish, and English Arthurian poems to modern adaptations of Arthurian material, including films. Cross-list: ENGL 317, SWGS 301.

### MDEM 324 - CONFLICT AND COEXISTENCE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN
- **Short Title:** COEXISTENCE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** Course explores the history of the Iberian Peninsula from late Antiquity to the early 16th century, focusing on conflict between medieval Spain’s three religious communities - Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Cross-list: HIST 324.

### MDEM 327 - EUROPEAN BORDERLANDS
- **Short Title:** EUROPEAN BORDERLANDS
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** A course that examines the development of romance as a genre during the medieval period. Cross-list: ENGL 314.

### MDEM 330 - EARLY MEDIEVAL ART
- **Short Title:** EARLY MEDIEVAL ART
- **Department:** Medieval/Early Modern Studies
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Lecture
- **Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** An examination of the military, political, social and cultural developments on the European frontiers between 500-1500 AD. Topics include colonization and conquest, crusades and Spanish Reconquista, piracy, slavery, encounters with native peoples, spread of Christianity, medieval colonial regimes, map-making and cultural exchanges. Cross-list: HIST 327.
MDEM 332 - ART OF THE COURTS
Short Title: ART OF THE COURTS
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of art and architecture produced in the late gothic period within three distinct settings-the court, the city, and the church. Includes private, public, and religious life as expressed in the objects, architecture, and decoration of the castle and palace, the house, city hall and hospital, and the chapel and parish church. Cross-list: HART 332.

MDEM 340 - NORTHERN RENAISSANCE ART
Short Title: NORTHERN RENAISSANCE ART
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of art in northern Europe from Jan van Eyck to Peter Bruegel. Cross-list: HART 340.

MDEM 343 - MASTERS OF THE BAROQUE ERA
Short Title: MASTERS OF THE BAROQUE ERA
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of the works of the greatest painters and sculptors in Europe during the Baroque period. Includes Rembrandt, Rubens, Caravaggio, Poussin, Claude, and Velazquez. Cross-list: HART 343.

MDEM 350 - DEMONS, MENTAL ILLNESS AND MEDICINE
Short Title: DEMONS/MENTAL ILLNESS/ MEDICINE
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Treats complex connections between religious beliefs/practices and formulation of human psychology in western tradition, through a historical reckoning with demonology. Consider the way demons are represented – from semi-corporeal beings to marks of mental illness – by looking at texts from the ancient world to modern psychiatry. Cross-list: RELI 350.

MDEM 357 - JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE
Short Title: JEWS & CHRISTIANS-MEDIEVAL EUR
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Course will focus on Jewish-Christian coexistence in medieval Europe. Will examine the Jews’ legal status in Christendom, their communal life, economic activities, intellectual achievements, while also focusing on the complex dynamics of Jewish-Christian interaction, and the shifting patterns of persecution and acceptance. Cross-list: HIST 357.

MDEM 370 - INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL CHINESE POETRY
Short Title: INTRO TO TRAD CHINESE POETRY
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course seeks to decode enchanting features of traditional Chinese poetry through examining the transformation of poetic genres, the interaction between poetic creation and political, social and cultural changes, and the close association of poetry with art. Thus, this course also serves to understand Chinese culture and history through poetic perspectives. All readings in English translation. Cross-list: ASIA 330, CHIN 330.

MDEM 373 - CHINESE ART AND THE WORLD
Short Title: CHINESE ART AND THE WORLD
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course is an introductory seminar studying the history of traditional Chinese art and visual culture from ancient times to the nineteenth century. This course draws upon masterpieces and monuments from both archaeological finds and museum collections, including bronze vessels, funeral objects, painting, calligraphy, sculptures, architecture, ceramics, and so on. Designed for students who have no background in Chinese art, Chinese history, or art history, the seminar uses diverse teaching materials in multiple media beyond traditional textbook-based readings to achieve four main goals: 1) Develop visual literacy through a direct encounter with objects. The development of specialized vocabulary to describe, analyze, and communicate function, composition, and meaning in art. 2) Understand major artistic movements of art and architecture within historical, social, political contexts. 3) Develop specialized knowledge in art from specific geographical locations (e.g. China), time periods, artists or artistic movements. 4) Evaluate and use primary and secondary source materials. Cross-list: ASIA 372, HART 372.
MDEM 375 - INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICAL CHINESE NOVELS  
Short Title: CLASSICAL CHINESE NOVELS  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Examination of the basic characteristics of classical Chinese novels, primarily through six important works from the 16th to 18th centuries: Water Margin, Monkey, Golden Lotus, Scholars, Romance of the Three Kingdoms, and Dream of the Red Chamber. All readings in English translation. Cross-list: ASIA 335, CHIN 335.  

MDEM 377 - MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS  
Short Title: MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This seminar explores illuminated European manuscripts from late antiquity through the early sixteenth century. It examines manuscripts’ functions, patrons, makers, and materials and technique, as well as such issues as the relationship between text and image and the manuscript’s ideological stance. Students have the opportunity to study original medieval illuminations. Cross-list: HART 377.  

MDEM 378 - DUTCH ART IN THE AGE OF REMBRANDT  
Short Title: DUTCH ART IN AGE OF REMBRANDT  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course will examine Dutch and Flemish seventeenth-century art, including major masters, such as Rembrandt, Rubens, and Vermeer, and major developments, such as the rise of still life, genre, and landscape painting. Cross-list: HART 378.  

MDEM 379 - WOMEN IN CHINESE LITERATURE  
Short Title: WOMEN IN CHINESE LITERATURE  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course examines women’s roles in Chinese literature as writers, readers, and characters, focusing particularly on the tension between women’s lived bodily experiences and the cultural experiences inscribed on the female body and how, in the process, women have contrarily gendered patriarchal culture into their own. It will also touch on Chinese women’s incorporation of the Western Tradition. All readings in English translation. Cross-list: ASIA 399, SWGS 399.  

MDEM 390 - INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES  
Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDY  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 1-3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Independent study reading, or special research in medieval and early modern studies. Repeatable for Credit.  

MDEM 404 - BEGINNINGS OF THE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE OF FRANCE  
Short Title: THE LANG AND LIT OF FRANCE  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course includes and external history of the French language, an examination of hagiographic literature and the chanson de geste in their cultural and artistic contexts, as well as bibliographic component to acquaint the students with library tools available for research emphasizing medieval resources but not excluding those for later periods. Student will acquire a reading knowledge of Old French. Course taught in French. Effective May 15, 2019, this course does not carry D1 credit. Cross-list: FREN 404. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Completion of one 300-level course or permission of instructor.  

MDEM 434 - SEEING SEX IN EUROPEAN ART, 1400-1700  
Short Title: SEEING SEX IN EUROPEAN ART  
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course will examine the visual history of sexuality from 1400-1700. It will explore how imagery structured sexual desire; the role of erotic sacred art; the rise of pornography; the intersection of spatial topography and sexuality; the linkage of licit and illicit sexualities; and the sexuality of artist and patrons. Cross-list: HART 434, SWGS 434.
MDEM 435 - MULTICULTURAL EUROPE, 1400-1700
Short Title: MULTICULTURAL EUROPE, 1400-1700
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The art of Europe was never the product of a single culture working in isolation. This seminar will explore the multicultural aspects of medieval and early modern Europe by focusing on the visual culture of groups who defined themselves or are today defined by nationality, race, or religion. Distribution 1 removed effective Fall 2022. Cross-list: HART 435, HIST 443.

MDEM 436 - LITERATURE AND CULTURE OF THE MIDDLE AGES: KING ARTHUR
Short Title: LIT & CULTURE OF MIDDLE AGES
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of the origins of the legend of King Arthur and reasons for its popularity, particularly in literature of the French Middle Ages but also in other medieval literatures of Western Europe. Includes discussion of the legend's influence in diverse areas even in modern times. Effective May 15, 2019, this course does not carry D1 credit. Taught in French. Cross-list: FREN 416. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Completion of one 300-level course or permission of instructor

MDEM 444 - VISIONS AND VISIONARY PRACTICES: MEDIEVAL TO MODERN
Short Title: VISIONS & VISIONARY PRACTICES
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course examines accounts of visions, comparing medieval and modern visionary techniques and processes and relating visionary writings to cultural and personal contexts. Includes some Christian theology along with other theoretical frameworks, but emphasis on praxis. Cross-list: RELI 444.

MDEM 456 - COLLEGIUM MUSICUM
Short Title: COLLEGIUM MUSICUM
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Studio
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The performance of vocal and instrumental music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras in which instrumentalists use period instruments. Specific repertory will depend on student interest and on the availability of instruments. The class entails two hours of evening rehearsal each week and an end-of-semester recital of music prepared. On occasion this course may require weekend rehearsals and performances. Consult the instructor regarding possible conflicts. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: MUSI 436. Repeatable for Credit.

MDEM 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

MDEM 494 - SENIOR THESIS
Short Title: SENIOR THESIS
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent research course for undergraduate Medieval and Early Modern Studies majors who wish to write a senior thesis. Students may enroll in MDEM 494 only with consent of a faculty advisor and the program director, and only if they intend to enroll in MDEM 495 as well. Senior Thesis is a year-long research course. Applicants will normally be required to have completed courses relevant to the proposed thesis topic (e.g. English, History, Art History, etc.), to be determined by the thesis advisor. Instructor Permission Required.
MDEM 495 - SENIOR THESIS
Short Title: SENIOR THESIS
Department: Medieval/Early Modern Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MDEM 494
Description: Independent research course for undergraduate Medieval and Early Modern Studies majors who wish to write a senior thesis. Students may enroll in MDEM 495 only with consent of a faculty advisor and the program director, and only if they enrolled in MDEM 494 in the previous semester. Senior Thesis is a year-long research course. Instructor Permission Required.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: MDEM

Department (or Program) Description and Code
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies: MDEM

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
- Major in Medieval and Early Modern Studies: MDEM

Undergraduate Minor Description and Code
- Minor in Medieval and Early Modern Studies: MDMM

CIP Code and Description ¹
- MDEM Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 30.1301 - Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- MDMM Minor: CIP Code/Title: 30.1301 - Medieval and Renaissance Studies

¹ Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2020 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/