

Learning Goals for the MDVL major:

Students graduating with the MDVL major will be able to:

1. Identify materials, terminologies, and methodologies within one or more following areas of study focused on the Middle Ages:

1. Art History
2. Languages and Literatures
3. History
4. Religious Studies and religious backgrounds to medieval culture
5. Music History and Performance
6. Cross-cultural contacts and borrowings
7. Classical backgrounds for medieval culture

2. Analyze primary material from the Middle Ages, explaining what specific features in the primary text/object carry medieval cultural content. (This can include focus, meaning, formal features, aims, assumptions, and purposes evident in the primary material.)

3. Critically assess and interpret primary and secondary sources.

4. Recognize and evaluate the cultural phenomena of the medieval world and their relationship to the modern world.

5. Synthesize an argument from textual or other evidence and express it in formal prose. (Write organized, well-structured, clear essays that make use of evidence to advance assertions and a main thesis.)