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**PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSAL TITLE:** Revise the Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum: BALAS Interdisciplinary Studies: Medieval Civilization Concentration, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Sponsor:** Charles D. Wright  
Professor of English  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
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**College Sponsor:** Associate Dean Karen Carney, College of Liberal Arts and Science,  
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**Description:** The proposal is for a comprehensive revision of the existing Medieval Civilization Concentration in LAS. (A proposal for a complementary new Interdisciplinary Minor in Medieval Studies is being submitted concurrently.) The revised and renamed Medieval Studies concentration will still require a minimum of 45 hours, but a new introductory requirement (ENGL 202, crosslisted with MDVL 201 and CWL 253) has been added; the distribution of introductory and advanced courses is articulated differently (with introductory courses now based on geographical regions); the requirements for HUM 397 and 492 are dropped; and a new “capstone experience” has been added.

**Justification:** The Program in Medieval Studies has recently expanded its focus from coverage of medieval Europe and Byzantium to include other medieval cultures across the globe. Our Program has been a leader in the “global turn” in Medieval Studies, and our proposed new curriculum (which includes a new Minor) is designed to reflect this global disciplinary reconfiguration of the field. The revised Concentration therefore requires an introductory (200-level) survey of global medieval literatures and cultures, and two geographical distribution courses (100- or 200-level) in each of three main geographical regions: Europe; East Asia; and Central Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East.

The introductory course for the concentration, ENGL 202, crosslisted with MDVL 201 and CWL 253,, is being revised to include coverage of non-European medieval literatures and cultures. Students will be permitted to substitute the “Medieval World” section of HIST 100, Global History, by petition to a Medieval Studies faculty advisor. This arrangement has the approval of the History Department (see attached email of 13 December 2012).

Advanced medieval coursework (21 hours) allows a student to focus on a particular region (such as East Asia) and/or area of study (such as medieval literature). The capstone experience requires intensive interdisciplinary research under the direction of a faculty member in the Program.

Medieval Studies is an interdisciplinary Program with only affiliated faculty, all of whom have 0% appointments. Since we do not have the ability to staff courses of our own, our revised Concentration, like the existing one, must be built around existing courses taught by medievalists in their home departments.

**Budgetary and Staff Implications:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed. None. All courses in the Concentration already exist and are taught by faculty in the controlling departments that participate in the Program. The total number of anticipated majors and minors will not require additional sections of required or elective courses (see c. below).
- b. Internal reallocations. None.
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units. We anticipate a cohort of approximately 6-8 majors (and approximately 15-20 minors). Because the total number of expected majors and minors is relatively small, and the range of courses available to fulfill each distribution requirement is substantial, we do not anticipate that additional sections of any courses will be necessary to accommodate them. Only one course (ENGL 202/MDVL 201/CWL 253) is specifically required for all majors (and minors), and this course is offered every semester by the English Department. Four English faculty are in the rotation to teach this course, and as revised it can also be taught by medievalist faculty in other participating departments. None of the required or elective cross-listed MDVL courses is restricted by the controlling department to its own majors. Letters of support from all participating departments and Colleges are attached. Advising and administration of the revised Concentration and new Minor will be the responsibility of the Director of the Program, the four faculty members of the Program Advisory Committee, and the secretarial staff assigned to Medieval Studies by the School of Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics, so participating units will incur no new obligations or responsibilities.
- d. Impact on the University Library. None.
- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc. None.

**Desired Effective Date:** Fall 2014.

**Statement for Programs of Study Catalog:**

**Interdisciplinary Studies Majors**

**Medieval Studies Concentration**

This concentration introduces students to medieval (ca. 500- ca. 1500 CE) cultures across the world, providing them with an understanding of periods and movements, institutions, material culture, ideas, beliefs, and values of the diverse cultures that comprise the medieval globe. The coursework spans both geographic regions and disciplines to introduce students to the breadth of medieval cultures as well as to the diversity of methods and perspectives for their study.

The concentration includes a minimum of 45 hours, divided into (I) an introductory course in global medieval literatures and cultures; (II) geographical distribution coursework as specified below; (III) advanced medieval coursework selected by the student in consultation with a Medieval Studies faculty advisor; and (IV) a capstone experience involving an intensive writing and research project. Because Medieval Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study, students are urged to consult with a Medieval Studies faculty advisor (i.e., the Director or one of the four faculty members on the Medieval Studies Advisory Committee) to ensure that they take a diverse range of courses providing some exposure to the fields of History and Anthropology; Literature; the Arts; and Philosophy or Religion. Although study of medieval languages is not a requirement, students who intend to pursue graduate study in Medieval Studies should complete at least two courses in an appropriate language; up to twelve hours of appropriate language study can be applied to the Additional Medieval Studies Coursework.

<b>Hours</b>	<b>Requirement</b>																				
3	<b>Introduction to Medieval Studies<sup>1</sup></b>  ENGL 202- Medieval Lit and Culture (same as MDVL 201)																				
18	<b>Geographical Distribution Coursework<sup>2</sup></b> 6 hours- Medieval Europe- Two courses chosen from the following:  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">ARTH111/MDVL 111</td> <td>Ancient to Medieval Art</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ARTH 222/ MDVL 222</td> <td>Medieval Art</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ARTH 231/MDVL 231</td> <td>Northern Renaissance Art</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ITAL 240/MDVL 240</td> <td>Italy Middle Ages &amp; Renaiss</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HIST 245/MDVL 245</td> <td>Women &amp; Gender in Pre-Mod Europe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HIST 247/MDVL 247</td> <td>Medieval Europe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCAN 251/MDVL 251</td> <td>Viking Mythology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCAN 252/MDVL 252</td> <td>Viking Sagas in Translation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HIST 255/MDVL 255</td> <td>British Isles to 1688</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ARCH 412/MDVL 412</td> <td>Medieval Architecture</td> </tr> </table>	ARTH111/MDVL 111	Ancient to Medieval Art	ARTH 222/ MDVL 222	Medieval Art	ARTH 231/MDVL 231	Northern Renaissance Art	ITAL 240/MDVL 240	Italy Middle Ages & Renaiss	HIST 245/MDVL 245	Women & Gender in Pre-Mod Europe	HIST 247/MDVL 247	Medieval Europe	SCAN 251/MDVL 251	Viking Mythology	SCAN 252/MDVL 252	Viking Sagas in Translation	HIST 255/MDVL 255	British Isles to 1688	ARCH 412/MDVL 412	Medieval Architecture
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ARCH 412/MDVL 412	Medieval Architecture																				

	<p>6 hours- Classical and medieval East Asia- Two courses chosen from the following:</p> <p>HIST 220      Traditional China  HIST 226      Pre-modern Japanese History  EALC 240      Chinese Civilization  EALC 275      Masterpieces of East Asian Lit  RLST 287      Introduction to Buddhism</p>
	<p>6 hours- Medieval Central Asia, South Asia, or the Middle East- Two courses chosen from the following:</p> <p>HIST 130      History of South Asia  HIST 135      History of Islamic Middle East  LA 218        S Asian Cultural Landscapes  LA 222        Islamic Gardens and Architecture  RLST 213      Intro to Islam (ACP)  RLST 214      Introduction to Islam  RLST 223      Qur'an Structure and Exegesis  RLST 260      Mystics and Saints in Islam  RLST 283      Jewish Sacred Literature  CWL 208      Lits &amp; Cultures of South Asia</p>
21	<p>Additional Medieval Studies Coursework</p> <p>Medieval-related coursework from participating departments selected in consultation with the concentration advisor. At least 12 hours must be at the 300- or 400-level. A list of courses in Medieval Studies is maintained on the Medieval Studies Program website. Up to 12 hours of appropriate language study can be applied to meet this requirement with approval of a Medieval Studies faculty advisor.</p>
3	<p><u>Capstone Experience</u></p> <p>A capstone experience (normally in the student's senior year) involving intensive interdisciplinary research and writing on a medieval topic. Any 400-level MDVL course (or medieval-related course not cross-listed with MDVL, with the approval of a Medieval Studies faculty advisor) can be designated as a capstone experience with approval of the instructor. For the course to qualify as a capstone experience, the student must undertake a substantial research project that supplements the standard course requirements, in the form either of an additional project or of a longer and more research-intensive version of an existing course project. The project must involve both primary and secondary research using advanced disciplinary methodologies and resources. A student may also petition to satisfy the capstone experience by enrolling in MDVL 500, Seminar in Medieval Studies . Enrollment requires approval of the instructor and Director of the Program in Medieval Studies.</p>
45	Total Hours

1. A student may substitute the “Medieval World” section of HIST 100, Global History, by petition to a Medieval Studies faculty advisor. Only the section of HIST 100 devoted to the Middle Ages may be substituted.
2. A student may substitute up to 6 hours in geographical distribution coursework with courses on the medieval civilizations of the Americas: ANTH 277-Ancient Cities, Sacred Land, ANTH 278- Climate Change & Civilization, or both. However, at least one course must still be taken from each of the three regional areas.

### **For All Concentrations**

Substitution for specific courses listed above will be approved by a Medieval Studies faculty advisor only in exceptional cases.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All LAS foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see a Medieval Studies faculty advisor.

**CLEARANCES:**

Signatures:



Unit Representative:

9/20/13

Date:



College Representative:

10/11/13

Date:

Appendix A

Comparative Table of Proposed Changes

<b>Current Hours</b>	<b>Current Requirements</b>	<b>Proposed Hours</b>	<b>Proposed Requirements</b>
variable	NOTE: Students must acquire a reading knowledge of a foreign language relevant to their interests in medieval civilization. In most instances, this requirement will coincide with the college foreign language requirement. The language should be selected in consultation with the concentration advisor. These hours will not count towards the minimum of 45 hours required for this concentration.		[no foreign language requirement]
6	Minimum of 6 hours to include two introductory courses selected in consultation with a Medieval Studies faculty advisor.	3	Introduction to Medieval Studies (ENGL 202/MDVL202)
6	Minimum of 6 hours to include two advanced-level topically oriented courses selected in consultation with a Medieval Studies faculty advisor.	18	Geographical distribution coursework
27	Medieval-related course work selected in consultation with a Medieval Studies faculty advisor from the departments of art history, history, literature, music, philosophy, and religious studies.	21	Additional medieval studies coursework
3	HUM 397 - Special Topics Junior. An advanced-level course with a medieval focus may be substituted with the approval of a Medieval Studies faculty advisor. The medieval civilization topic of HUM 397 or the substitute course should require an ability to read primary and secondary sources in a foreign language.		[no requirement]
3	HUM 492 - Senior Thesis. The thesis should ordinarily be in one of the following areas: art, medieval Latin literature, vernacular literature, liturgy and worship, philosophy and theology, history, science.	3	Capstone experience
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## Appendix B

**List of Medieval Studies Courses that can be used to satisfy the 21 hour Additional Medieval Studies Coursework requirement.** Other courses on medieval topics may be used with approval of a Medieval Studies faculty advisor.

EALC 305	Japanese Literature in Translation, I
RLST/MDVL 344	Medieval Jewish Thought
HIST 345/MDVL 345	Medieval Civilization
HIST 346/MDVL 346	The Age of the Renaissance
ARTH 369/MDVL 369	Spirituality and Experience
ANTH 376	Aztec Civilization
ENGL 407/MDVL 407	Introduction to Old English
ENGL 411/MDVL 411	Chaucer
ENGL 412/MDVL 410	Medieval British Literatures
ITAL 413/MDVL 413	Dante
ITAL 414/MDVL 414	Petrarch & Boccaccio
CMN 415/MDVL 415	Classical Rhetorics
FR 417/MDVL 417	History of the French Language
SLAV 417	11th-17th C Russ Lit & Lang
ITAL 420/MDVL 420	Masterpieces Renaiss Lit
ARTH 423/MDVL 423	Romanesque Art
ARTH 424/MDVL 424	Gothic Art
ARTH 425/MDVL 425	Manuscripts and Early Printing
ARTH 431/MDVL 431	Topics: Northern Art 1300-1500
ARTH 433/MDVL 433	Fifteenth-Century Italian Art
RLST 440/MDVL 440	Early Christian Thought
HIST 443/MDVL 443	Byzantine Empire AD 284-717
HIST 445/MDVL 444	Medieval England
ANTH 449	North America Archaeology
ANTH 459	The Ancient Maya
LAT 460/MDVL 460	Medieval Latin
GER 470/MDVL 470	Middle Ages to Baroque
RLST 458	Christians and Jews 1099-1789
RLST 480	Islamic Law
RLST 482	Muslim-Christian Interactions
EALC 307	Classical Chinese Literature
EALC 413	Pre-Modern Chinese Drama
EALC 463	Drama in Pre-Modern Japan
RLST 484	Buddhist Meditation
EALC 488	History of Chinese Buddhism



## Request for approval of ANTH courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Gottlieb, Alma J

**Sent:** Thursday, March 07, 2013 11:24 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Davis, Laura; Orta, Andrew; Andy Orta [andyorta@illinois.edu]; Tim Pauketat [pauketat@uiuc.edu]

Hello,

Many thanks for having contacted me about this, and I'm sorry I didn't reply right away. I wanted to check with our Undergraduate Advisor first. I've now done this, and we are delighted with your scenario. All three of the courses you've identified are still actively taught, and in fact ANTH 277 will be taught next fall (by Prof Tim Pauketat). (I am cc-ing him on this message.) Your students are welcome to enroll in any of these courses as long as there are places available in the online registration system--we don't have any restrictions on registration just for ANTH majors placed on these courses.

Thanks again once again for your interest in our curriculum. We look forward to seeing some of your students in these courses!

All best,

Alma Gottlieb

Dr. Alma Gottlieb

Director, Undergraduate Program in Anthropology

Professor of Anthropology, African Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, and Global Studies

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Undergrad program page: <http://www.anthro.illinois.edu/programs/undergrad/>

Latest book (Braided Worlds): <http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/B/bo5430638.html>

Recent book (The Restless

Anthropologist): <http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/R/bo12666497.html>

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wright, Charles D" <[cdwright@illinois.edu](mailto:cdwright@illinois.edu)>

**Subject:** Request for approval of ANTH courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

**Date:** March 6, 2013 8:53:25 AM CST

**To:** "Gottlieb, Alma J" <[ajgottli@illinois.edu](mailto:ajgottli@illinois.edu)>

Alma Gottlieb

Director of Undergraduate Studies

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Dear Alma,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are also required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

ANTH 275 World of Jewish Sepharad  
ANTH 277 Ancient Cities, Sacred Land  
ANTH 278 Climate Change & Civilization

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of the courses listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of this course to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

## **RE: request for approval for use of ANTH 376, 449, and 459 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Farnell, Brenda M

**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2013 4:06 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Orta, Andrew; Harmon, Karla J

Dear Prof Wright:

I have an update on the courses you wish to list under Medieval Studies:

ANTH 449 North America Archaeology

ANTH 459 The Ancient Maya

ANTH 278 Climate Change and Civilization - who teaches this? When was it last taught?

These 3 courses are fine. Profs. Pauketat and Lucero are also pleased to hold 0% appointments in the program.

ANTH 376 (Aztec Civilizations): We have no one teaching this course at present and it is on our list for potential removal. I expect to be able to provide a definitive answer on this course later this month.

The following two courses are problematic:

*ANTH 275 The World of Jewish Sepharad.*

Aside from a brief preamble about Medieval Spain under Islamic rule, the course is mostly about modernity.

*ANTH 288 American Indians of Illinois.* Likewise, aside from brief critical attention to Cahokia in the context of contemporary representations and a critique of the construction of archaeological knowledge, the course has nothing to do with "Medieval." The archaeology course (499) is more appropriate for Medieval Studies.

The professors who teach 275 and 288 recognize the advantage of more listings for the courses, but also don't want to misrepresent their content.

thanks

Brenda

Brenda Farnell, Ph.D

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**From:** Farnell, Brenda M

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2013 3:04 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Subject:** RE: request for approval for use of ANTH 376, 449, and 459 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Prof Wright:

We are in the process of revising our course offerings, which may affect some of the courses you list. I will let you know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Brenda Farnell

Brenda Farnell, Ph.D

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2013 1:23 PM

**To:** Farnell, Brenda M

**Subject:** request for approval for use of ANTH 376, 449, and 459 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Professor Farnell,

Last Spring Alma Gottlieb approved my request for the inclusion of ANTH 275, 288, and 278 in our proposed new Medieval Studies major and minor. After subsequent discussion with Lisa Lucero and Tim Pauketat (who accepted 0% in Medieval Studies last year) we agreed also to include the following advanced undergraduate courses, for which I now request your department's approval:

ANTH 376 Aztec Civilization

ANTH 449 North American Archaeology

ANTH 459 The Ancient Maya

Approval can be conveyed by a brief email. Thanks very much for your attention to this request, I hope to submit the proposals in time for the next C & C meeting later this month.

Cordially,

## **RE: request for approval of ANTH 376 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Farnell, Brenda M

**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2013 3:47 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Orta, Andrew; Harmon, Karla J; Lucero, Lisa J; Pauketat, Timothy R

Dear Charlie (if I may):

Good News!

ANTH 376 (Aztec Civilizations) will stay on our list since it will be taught this Spring. It is suitable for listing w/ Med. Studies.

Best,

Brenda

Brenda Farnell, Ph.D

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2013 7:44 AM

**To:** Farnell, Brenda M

**Cc:** Orta, Andrew; Harmon, Karla J; Lucero, Lisa J; Pauketat, Timothy R

**Subject:** RE: request for approval for use of ANTH 376, 449, and 459 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Brenda,

Thanks for your reply. I can delete ANTH 275 and 288 but have copied Lisa and Tim if they have anything to add about those or any of these courses from their point of view. In different parts of the globe "medieval" has to be defined differently, and a course does not have to focus entirely on the "medieval" period (however that might be defined in a given area), but we do want to include only courses that qualify meaningfully.

Best,

Charlie

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**From:** Farnell, Brenda M

**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2013 4:06 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Orta, Andrew; Harmon, Karla J

**Subject:** RE: request for approval for use of ANTH 376, 449, and 459 in new Medieval Studies curricula

## Fwd: Request for approval of ARTH courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Vazquez, Oscar

**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2013 12:11 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Importance:**High

Hello Professor Wright,

The Art History program approves the following courses as being among those that will fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor in Medieval studies. Please let me know if this note will suffice or if you wish for a statement on School letterhead. Very best wishes, Oscar.

Oscar E. Vázquez

Associate Professor and Chair

Program in Art History

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ARTH/MDVL 111	Ancient to Medieval Art
ARTH 222/MDVL 222	Medieval Art
ARTH 231/MDVL 231	Northern Renaissance Art
ARTH/MDVL 369	Spirituality and Experience
ARTH 423/MDVL 423	Romanesque Art
ARTH 424/MDVL 424	Gothic Art
ARTH 425/MDVL 425	Manuscripts and Early Printing
ARTH 431/MDVL 431	Topics: Northern Art 1300-1500

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rosenthal, Lisa" <[lrosenth@illinois.edu](mailto:lrosenth@illinois.edu)>

**Subject: Re: Request for approval of ARTH courses in new Medieval Studies curricula**

**Date:** March 6, 2013 8:54:01 AM CST

**To:** "Wright, Charles D" <[cdwright@illinois.edu](mailto:cdwright@illinois.edu)>, "Vazquez, Oscar" <[oscarv@illinois.edu](mailto:oscarv@illinois.edu)>

Good morning, Charlie,

I am forwarding this to Oscar Vazquez, our current Chair of Art History so he can work with you on this issue.

My best,

Lisa

On Mar 6, 2013, at 8:47 AM, Wright, Charles D wrote:

Lisa Rosenthal  
Chair, Art History Program  
143 Art and Design Building  
408 E. Peabody Drive  
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Dear Lisa,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

ARTH/MDVL 111	Ancient to Medieval Art
ARTH 222/MDVL 222	Medieval Art
ARTH 231/MDVL 231	Northern Renaissance Art
ARTH/MDVL 369	Spirituality and Experience
ARTH 423/MDVL 423	Romanesque Art
ARTH 424/MDVL 424	Gothic Art
ARTH 425/MDVL 425	Manuscripts and Early Printing
ARTH 431/MDVL 431	Topics: Northern Art 1300-1500
ARTH 433/MDVL 433	Fifteenth-Century Italian Art

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

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Oscar E. Vázquez  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Program in Art History  
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**Approved courses - revised**

Vazquez, Oscar

**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2013 2:03 PM**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Professor Wright,

The Art History program gladly approves of the following courses as being among those that will fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor in Medieval studies. Please let me know if you should require further information.

ARTH 111/ MDVL 111	Ancient to Medieval Art
ARTH 222/ MDVL 222	Medieval Art
ARTH 231/ MDVL 231	Northern Renaissance Art
ARTH 369/ MDVL 369	Spirituality and Experience
ARTH 423/ MDVL 423	Romanesque Art
ARTH 424/ MDVL 424	Gothic Art
ARTH 425/ MDVL 425	Manuscripts and Early Printing
ARTH 431/ MDVL 431	Topics: Northern Art 1300-1500
ARTH 433/ MDVL 433	Fifteenth-Century Italian Art

Sincerely,

Oscar E. Vázquez  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Program in Art History  
[oscarv@illinois.edu](mailto:oscarv@illinois.edu)

## **RE: Request for approval of ARCH 412 in new Medieval Studies Major and Minor**

Chasco, David

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2013 8:12 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Kapp, Paul Hardin; Frank, Rhonda M; Stone, Marian A

Dear Charles,

My apologies for the delay. I have received approval from the Arch Council and have discussed fully with Marian Stone in the College of FAA.

As Director, the School of Architecture approves your request to include Arch 412 Medieval Architecture for inclusion into your Major and your new minor.

Best regards,

David Chasco

Professor and Director

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2013 10:27 AM

**To:** Chasco, David

**Cc:** Kapp, Paul Hardin

**Subject:** RE: Request for approval of ARCH 412 in new Medieval Studies Major and Minor

Dear David and Paul,

I'm concerned that further delay in submitting the new Medieval Studies curricula may jeopardize our chances of having them approved and in place by Spring 2014, perhaps even by Fall 2104, so if you don't anticipate a decision on ARCH 412 soon, I think it will be better for me to delete it for now from the curricula (it could always be added back in later). I also have to request approval from the FAA dean's office for the curricula as a whole, and have been waiting to receive replies from the FAA departments involved (Art History, Landscape Architecture, and Architecture) before doing so. Please let me know when I can expect a response on ARCH 412.

Best,

Charlie Wright

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 6:29 AM

**To:** Chasco, David

**Cc:** Kapp, Paul Hardin

**Subject:** Request for approval of ARCH 412 in new Medieval Studies Major and Minor

Dear Professor Chasco,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following course controlled by your unit is listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

ARCH/MDVL 412 Medieval Architecture

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of the course listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of this course to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

**RE: request for approval: for inclusion of CMN 515 = CLCV 415 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Traill, Ariana

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 4:14 PM

To: Wright, Charles D

Dear Charlie,

I approve the inclusion of CLCV 415 in the new curricula. Good luck with it!

Yours,  
Ariana

Ariana Traill  
Associate Professor, Head  
Latin Program Coordinator  
Department of the Classics  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
4053 Foreign Language Building  
707 S. Mathews Ave.  
Urbana, IL 61801

217 333 7661

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Charles D

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:21 AM

To: Traill, Ariana

Subject: request for approval: for inclusion of CMN 515 = CLCV 415 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Ariana Traill

Head, Department of the Classics

4053 Foreign Languages Building

707 S. Mathews Ave

Dear Ariana,

It has been brought to my attention that, in addition to requesting your department's approval for including courses controlled by Classics in the new Medieval Studies curricula, I must also request permission to include a course cross-listed in CLCV that is controlled by another department:

CMN 415 Classical Rhetorics = CLCV 415

The controlling department has already given its approval for our inclusion of this course.

Thanks again for your time.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright, Director  
Program in Medieval Studies

**RE: Request for approval of CMN 415 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Tewksbury, David H

Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 2:52 PM

To: Wright, Charles D

Dr. Wright,

Thank you for contacting the Department of Communication regarding your proposed revision to the Medieval Studies curricula.

We appreciate the continued presence of CMN 415: Classical Rhetorics in your curricula. During the early weeks of registration periods, we often restrict access to CMN 415 to students with a Communication major. When we offer this class in future years, we will allow students with a MDVL major to register with Communication students.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

My best,

David Tewksbury  
Department Head  
Communication

## **RE: Request for approval of CWL 208 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Mathy, Jean-Philippe R

Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 11:51 AM

To: Wright, Charles D

Cc: Mehta, Rini Bhattacharya

Dear Charlie,

I approve the inclusion of CWL 208 in the new Medieval Studies curricula.

Best,

Jean-Philippe

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Charles D

Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:39 AM

To: Mathy, Jean-Philippe R

Subject: Request for approval of CWL 208 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Importance: High

Dear Jean-Philippe,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

CWL 208 Literatures and Cultures of South Asia

I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright

Director, Program in Medieval Studies

Department of English, UIUC

608 S. Wright St. M/C 718



## Re: Additional request for approval: for courses cross-listed by CWL in new Medieval Studies curricula

Kaganovsky, Lilya

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 4:07 PM

To: Wright, Charles D

Dear Professor Wright,

I am happy to approve these cross-listed courses for the new Medieval Studies major.

Best wishes,

Lilya Kaganovsky

Associate Professor and Director  
Program in Comparative and World Literature

On Sep 4, 2013, at 14:35, "Wright, Charles D" <cdwright@illinois.edu> wrote:

> Dear Professor Kaganovsky,

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> Last Spring Jean-Philippe approved my request to include a number of CWL-controlled courses in our newly designed Medieval Studies major and minor. Later I discovered that I was also required to request approval from CWL to include courses that CWL cross-lists but does not control, so I sent Jean-Philippe an additional request on 8 May (copied below) listing those courses. I did not receive a reply to that request and I understand that you are now Head of CWL. I would be grateful if you can reply at your earliest convenience. A brief email will suffice as an approval. I have attached the proposed curricula.

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> Cordially,

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> Charles D. Wright, Director

> Program in Medieval Studies

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From: Wright, Charles D

> Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:28 AM

> To: Mathy, Jean-Philippe R

> Cc: Mehta, Rini Bhattacharya

> Subject: Additional request for approval: for courses cross-listed by CWL in new Medieval Studies curricula

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> Jean-Philippe Mathy

> Director, Program in Comparative and World Literature

> 3072 Foreign Languages Building

> 707 S. Mathews Ave.

>

> Dear Jean-Philippe,

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> It has been brought to my attention that, in addition to requesting your department's approval for including courses controlled by CWL in the new Medieval Studies curricula, I must also request your permission to include courses with cross-lists in CWL that are controlled by other departments. These are:

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> ARTH 369 Spirituality and Experience = CWL 369  
> ARTH 425 Manuscripts and Early Printing = CWL 425  
> EALC 275 Masterpieces of East Asian Literature = CWL 275  
> EALC 305 Japanese Literature in Translation, I = CWL 311  
> EALC 307 Classical Chinese Literature = CWL 307  
> ENGL 412 Medieval British Literatures = CWL 410  
> EALC 413 Premodern Chinese Drama = CWL 416  
> EALC 463 Drama in Premodern Japan = CWL 470  
> ENGL 202 Introduction to Medieval Literature and Culture = CWL 253  
> ITAL 240 Italy in the Middle Ages & Renaissance = CWL 240  
> ITAL 413 Dante = CWL 413  
> ITAL 414 Petrarch & Boccaccio = CWL 414  
> ITAL 420 Masterpieces of Renaissance Literature = CWL 420  
> RLST 223 Qur'an Structure and Exegesis = CWL 223  
> RLST 283 Sacred Jewish Literature = CWL 283  
> SCAN 251 Viking Mythology = CWL 251  
> SCAN 252 Viking Sagas in Translation = CWL 252  
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> The controlling departments have already given their approval for our inclusion of these courses.  
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> Thanks again for your time.  
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> Cordially,  
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> Charlie  
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> Charles D. Wright, Director  
> Program in Medieval Studies  
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**Re: Request for approval of EALC courses in new MDVL major and minor**

garyxugang@gmail.com on behalf of Gary Xu [garyxu@illinois.edu]

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 9:24 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Professor Wright:

My colleagues at EALC and I appreciate your effort to revise Major in the Program in Medieval Studies and to add a Minor. Medieval Studies is one of our strengths; Professors Cai, Oyler, Ruppert, and Mayer all work in this area. At our faculty meeting on March 7, 2013, we discussed the proposal submitted by Medieval Studies and agreed that the revision is mutually beneficial to EALC and to Medieval Studies. I therefore fully endorse the revisions of Major and the addition of a Minor in Medieval Studies. The EALC courses on your list have no access restrictions. Yours,

Gary Xu

On Mon, Mar 11, 2013 at 8:48 AM, Wright, Charles D <[cdwright@illinois.edu](mailto:cdwright@illinois.edu)> wrote:

Gary Xu

Head, East Asian Language and Cultures  
2090-a Foreign Lang 608 S. Mathews Ave  
M/C 146  
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Gary,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit along a letter of support from each Department that controls courses cross-listed with MDVL, specifying whether there are any significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, once the new curricula are approved and in place, we will eventually have approximately 6-10 majors and 15-20 minors.

I hope that you will be able to provide such a letter (addressed to me) at your earliest convenience. The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirement within the new Major and Minor:

EALC 220  
EALC 226  
EALC 240  
EALC 275  
EALC 287  
EALC 305  
EALC 307  
EALC 413  
EALC 463  
EALC 484  
EALC 488

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of this course to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula and the relevant cross-listings in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

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Gary G. Xu, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor and Head  
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
707 S. Mathews, #2090  
Urbana, IL 61801

**Re: additional request: for approval of courses cross-listed by ASST/EALC in new Medieval Studies curricula**

garyxugang@gmail.com on behalf of Gary Xu [garyxu@illinois.edu]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 4:06 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Professor Wright,

EALC approves inclusion of these courses as listed in your email in the new Medieval Studies curricula. Please let me know if there is anything else I can be of help. Best,

Gary

On Wed, May 8, 2013 at 8:17 AM, Wright, Charles D <cdwright@illinois.edu> wrote:

Gary Xu  
Head, East Asian Language and Cultures  
2090-a Foreign Lang 608 S. Mathews Ave  
M/C 146

Dear Gary,

It has been brought to my attention that, in addition to requesting your department's approval for including courses controlled by EALC in the new Medieval Studies curricula, I must also request your permission to include courses cross-listed in EALC or ASST that are controlled by other departments. These are:

CWL 208 Literatures and Cultures of South Asia = ASST 208  
LA 218 South Asian Cultural Landscapes = ASST 218  
HIST 220 Traditional China = EALC 220  
HIST 226 Pre-modern Japanese History = EACL 226  
RLST 287 Introduction to Buddhism = EALC 287  
RLST 484 Buddhist Meditation = EALC 484

The controlling departments have already given their approval for our inclusion of these courses.

Thanks again for your time.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright, Director  
Program in Medieval Studies

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Gary G. Xu, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor and Head  
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
707 S. Mathews, #2090  
Urbana, IL 61801

**Re: Request for approval of ENGL courses in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Spencer Schaffner [metaspencer@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2013 1:14 PM

To: Wright, Charles D

Dear Charlie,

These changes look good to us in English. We fully support your proposed changes.

Spencer

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Spencer Schaffner  
Associate Professor and Associate Head  
Department of English  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
<http://metaspencer.com>  
spencers@illinois.edu

On Wed, Mar 6, 2013 at 8:49 AM, Wright, Charles D <cdwright@illinois.edu> wrote:

> Spencer Schaffner  
>  
> Associate Head  
>  
> Department of English  
>  
> 608 S. Wright St. M/C 718  
>  
> spencers@illinois.edu

> Dear Spencer,

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> The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our  
> current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a  
> new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to  
> reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study  
> of non-European "medieval" cultures.

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> As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to  
> submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in  
> these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that  
> would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to  
> enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been  
> established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors  
> and 15-20 minors.

> The following courses controlled by English are listed among those that  
> would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

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> ENGL/MDVL 202 Medieval Literature and Culture  
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> ENGL/MDVL 407 Old English  
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> ENGL/MDVL 411 Chaucer  
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> ENGL 412 Medieval British Literatures

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> I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience  
> approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the  
> inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.

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> If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of  
> these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if  
> you can alert me.

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> Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about  
> the proposed new curricula and the relevant cross-listings in your  
> Department.

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> Cordially,

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> Charlie

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> Charles D. Wright  
>  
> Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
>  
> Department of English, UIUC  
>  
> 608 S. Wright St. M/C 718



## **RE: Request for approval of FR 417 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Fresco, Karen L

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 1:42 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Charlie, I approve the inclusion of FR 417 in the revised major and new minor.

Best,  
Karen

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:55 AM

**To:** Fresco, Karen L

**Subject:** Request for approval of FR 417 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Karen Fresco, Head  
Department of French  
4090K Foreign Languages Building  
707 S. Mathews Ave  
Urbana, IL 61801  
kfresco@illinois.edu

Dear Karen,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following course controlled by your unit is listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

FR/MDVL 417 History of the French Language

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of the course listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of this course to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright

## **RE: request for approval of course cross-listed in GWS in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Nguyen, Mimi Thi

**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 11:14 AM

**To:** Kahn, Jacquelyn Sue; Wright, Charles D

Charles,

I am happy to approve HIST/GWS 245 in the new Medieval Studies curricula.

Best,  
MN

Mimi Thi Nguyen  
Associate Professor,  
Gender and Women's Studies  
Asian American Studies  
Unit for Criticism  
Associate Chair,  
Gender and Women's Studies  
Conrad Humanities Professorial Scholar 2013-2018  
University of Illinois  
1205 W. Nevada MC 137  
Urbana, IL 61801  
mimin@illinois.edu  
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**From:** Kahn, Jacquelyn Sue

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2013 4:08 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Nguyen, Mimi Thi

**Subject:** RE: request for approval of course cross-listed in GWS in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Charlie,

Will an email from our director of undergraduate studies work? Her name is Mimi Nguyen (cced above), and I'm sure she will be happy to approve this.

Jacque

Jacque Kahn, Ph.D.  
Academic Advisor and Administrative Coordinator  
Department of Gender and Women's Studies  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
1205 W. Nevada  
Urbana, IL 61801  
MC-137  
Phone: 217-333-2990  
Fax: 217-333-0151

gws@illinois.edu

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2013 3:39 PM  
**To:** Kahn, Jacquelyn Sue  
**Subject:** FW: request for approval of course cross-listed in GWS in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Jacque,

Here is the request. Thanks for your help.

Charlie Wright

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 8:59 AM  
**To:** Nadeau, Chantal  
**Subject:** RE: request for approval of course cross-listed in GWS in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Professor Nadeau,

I have not yet received a reply to my request of 8 May for GWS approval of the use of HIST 245 = GWS 245 in the new Medieval Studies curricula. The controlling department as already given its approval, but I must also seek the approval of GWS as a cross-listing unit. A brief email will suffice.

Thanks,

Charlie Wright

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:32 AM  
**To:** Nadeau, Chantal  
**Subject:** request for approval of course cross-listed in GWS in new Medieval Studies curricula

Chantal Nadeau, Chair  
Department of Gender & Women's Studies  
1205 W. Nevada St.

Dear Professor Nadeau,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures. As part of this proposal we must request approval from units that cross-list any courses included in the new curricula, even if they are controlled by other departments. I write to request your approval for the inclusion of the following course that is cross-listed with GWS:

HIST 245 Women and Gender in Premodern Europe = GWS 245

The controlling department has already given its approval for our inclusion of this course.

This approval can be conveyed by a brief email. Thank you for your time.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

## Re: Request for approval of HIST courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

jwr [jwrandolph12@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 8:11 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Charlie,

I apologize for the delay. I looked into it last week, and here's what I can report. First of all--despite appearances--we're really glad of your plans and look forward to supporting the program.

Of the courses you list as supporting coursework, most are offered on a regular basis and will certainly be available to your students. HIST 346, as you no doubt know, is taught most often by Prof. D. Price, in RLST, so I can't vouch for his plans, but from the outside it looks like he has been offering it frequently (about every 2 years). HIST 226 (early modern Japan) was taught by Prof. Ron Toby, who has retired. I am not sure if any of his courses will be picked up soon, as we don't have an early modern Japanese historian at the moment.

Still, on the whole, I'm happy to report that our ability to teach the rest of the courses is in good shape, and that we will be offering them regularly, if current patterns hold.

Thanks very much for your program's interest in history, and please let me know if I can be of any other assistance in that regard!

John

On Mar 28, 2013, at 7:32 AM, Wright, Charles D wrote:

Hi John,

Will History be able to approve these courses for MDVL? (It's hard to imagine a Medieval Studies major or minor without them!). I cannot send the proposals forward until I've received approvals from all participating units.

Thanks,

Charlie

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**From:** John Randolph [jwrandolph12@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:56 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Subject:** Re: Request for approval of HIST courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Charlie,

I will look into this later today, and write back what I learn.

Best wishes,

John

On Mar 6, 2013, at 8:51 AM, Wright, Charles D wrote:

John Randolph  
 Director of Undergraduate Studies  
 Department of History  
 309 Gregory Hall  
 M/C 466  
 810 S. Wright St.  
[jwr@illinois.edu](mailto:jwr@illinois.edu)

Dear John,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

HIST 130	History of South Asia
HIST 135	History of Islamic Middle East
HIST 220	Traditional China
HIST 226	Pre-modern Japanese History
HIST 245/MDVL 245	Women & Gender in Pre-Modern Europe
HIST 247/MDVL 247	Medieval Europe
HIST 255/MDVL 255	British Isles to 1688
HIST 345/MDVL 345	Medieval Civilization
HIST 346/MDVL 346	The Age of the Renaissance
HIST 443/MDVL 443	Byzantine Empire AD 284-717
HIST 445/MDVL 444	Medieval England

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula and the relevant cross-listings in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

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# Additional approval request: for courses cross-listed by HIST in new Medieval Studies curricula

Wright, Charles D

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:30 AM

To: Randolph, John W

John Randolph  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Department of History  
309 Gregory Hall  
810 S. Wright St.

Dear John,

It has been brought to my attention that, in addition to requesting your department's approval for including courses controlled by History in the new Medieval Studies curricula, I must also request your permission to include courses with cross-lists in History that are controlled by other departments. These are:

- ~~ANTH 275 World of Jewish Sephard = HIST 267~~ (deleted)
- ARTH 369 Spirituality and Experience = HIST 344
- EALC 220 Traditional China = HIST 220
- EALC 226 Premodern Japanese History = HIST 226
- EPS 403 European Education to 1600 = HIST 444
- RLST 458 Christians and Jews 1099-1789 = HIST 458

The controlling departments have already given their approval for our inclusion of these courses.

Thanks again for your time.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright, Director  
Program in Medieval Studies



**RE: Request for approval of ITAL courses in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Montrul, Silvina Andrea

**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2013 6:34 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Charlie,

I approve your request.

Silvina

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:41 AM

**To:** Montrul, Silvina Andrea

**Subject:** Request for approval of ITAL courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

**Importance:** High

Silvina Montrul

Head, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

4080 Foreign Languages Building

707 S. Mathews Ave

Urbana, IL 61801

[montrul@illinois.edu](mailto:montrul@illinois.edu)

Dear Silvina,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

ITAL 240/MDVL 240	Italy in the Middle Ages & Renaissance
ITAL 413/MDVL 413	Dante
ITAL 414/MDVL 414	Petrarch & Boccaccio
ITAL/MDVL 420	Masterpieces of Renaissance Literature

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval

Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.**

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/

## **RE: Request for approval of LA courses in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Emmerling-Dinovo, Carol Anne

**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2013 10:52 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D; Goggin, Nan Elizabeth

**Cc:** Ruggles, D Fairchild; Sears, Stephen Michael; Sinha, Amita

Dear Professor Wright,

Both Amita Sinha (LA 218 South Asian Cultural Landscapes) and Dede Ruggles (LA 222 Islamic Gardens & Architecture) would be pleased for their courses to be added to your Medieval Studies curricula. There are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them.

Carol

Carol Emmerling-DiNovo

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2013 10:33 AM

**To:** Goggin, Nan Elizabeth

**Cc:** Ruggles, D Fairchild; Emmerling-Dinovo, Carol Anne; Sears, Stephen Michael

**Subject:** RE: Request for approval of LA courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Nan,

Do you anticipate having an answer soon to our request to include LA 218 and 222 in our curricula?

Thanks,

Charlie Wright

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**From:** Goggin, Nan Elizabeth

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 10:11 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Ruggles, D Fairchild; Emmerling-Dinovo, Carol Anne; Sears, Stephen Michael

**Subject:** Re: Request for approval of LA courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

hi charles

I will bring to the landscape's attention this week  
and get back to you  
best. nan

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nan goggin, professor  
director, school of art + design  
interim head, dept. of landscape architecture  
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**From:** <Wright>, Charles D <[cdwright@illinois.edu](mailto:cdwright@illinois.edu)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 9:28 AM  
**To:** Nan Goggin <[goggin@illinois.edu](mailto:goggin@illinois.edu)>  
**Cc:** D Ruggles <[dfr1@illinois.edu](mailto:dfr1@illinois.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for approval of LA courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Professor Goggin,

I hope it will be possible for your department to approve the listing of two LA courses in the proposed new Medieval Studies curricula, as detailed in my email request of 6 March (below). If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Both courses in question are taught by Professor Ruggles, whom I've copied on this message.

Cordially,

Charles D. Wright, Director  
Program in Medieval Studies

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:56 AM  
**To:** Goggin, Nan Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Request for approval of LA courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Nan Goggin  
Interim Head, Department of Landscape Architecture  
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Dear Professor Goggin,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing

the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

LA 218 Islamic Gardens and Architecture  
LA 222 South Asian Cultural Landscapes

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

## **RE: Request for approval of LAT 460 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Trall, Ariana

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 10:40 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Charlie,

I am happy to approve the inclusion of LAT 460 in your new Major and Minor. Congratulations on it!

All best,  
Ariana

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 10:36 AM

**To:** Traill, Ariana

**Subject:** RE: Request for approval of LAT 460 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Hi Ariana,

That's very hard to gauge. We don't include a language requirement in the new curricula, but we do allow a certain number of hours of "appropriate language study" to count towards the advanced hours requirement. We would encourage any major or minor intending to go on to a grad program in medieval studies to take at least introductory Latin, but only those who already had done beginning and intermediate Classical Latin would be at all likely to take 460 also. So actually I don't think there will be many undergrad majors and minors taking LAT 460, but there may be a few.

Charlie

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**From:** Traill, Ariana

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 10:31 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Subject:** RE: Request for approval of LAT 460 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Charlie,

Just for planning purposes, how many of those 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors do you anticipate taking 460 on its regular schedule every other fall? (You know how dear to hearts upper language enrollments are!)

Best,  
ARiana

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:38 AM

**To:** Traill, Ariana

**Subject:** Request for approval of LAT 460 in new Medieval Studies curricula

**Importance:** High

Ariana Traill

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Dear Ariana,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following course controlled by your unit is listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

LAT/MDVL 460 Medieval Latin

I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of the course listed above.

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of this course to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright

Director, Program in Medieval Studies

Department of English, UIUC

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**RE: Request for approval of RLST courses in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Rosenstock, Bruce

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 9:13 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Charile,

I approve the use of the listed RLST courses as part of the Medieval Studies new major and minor program.

Best

Bruce

Bruce Rosenstock  
Associate Professor of Religion  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Religion  
Associate Director, Program in Jewish Culture and Society  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Chamampaign

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:52 AM  
**To:** Rosenstock, Bruce  
**Subject:** Request for approval of RLST courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Bruce Rosenstock  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Department of Religious Studies  
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brsnstck@illinois.edu

Dear Bruce,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are also required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled by your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

- RLST 213 Introduction to Islam (Advanced Comp)
- RLST 214 Introduction to Islam
- RLST 223 Quran Structure and Exegesis
- RLST 260 Mystics and Saints in Islam
- RLST 287 Introduction to Buddhism
- RLST 283 Sacred Jewish Literature

RLST/MDVL 344 Medieval Jewish Thought  
RLST/MDVL 440 Early Christian Thought  
RLST 458 Christians and Jews 1099-1789  
RLST 480 Islamic Law  
RLST 482 Muslim-Christian Interactions  
RLST 484 Buddhist Meditation

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
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## RE: Additional request for approval: of courses cross-listed by RLST in new Medieval Studies curricula

Rosenstock, Bruce

Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 2:35 PM

To: Wright, Charles D

Charlie,

Religious Studies approves the following courses for credit toward the Medieval Studies major or minor.

~~ANTH 275 World of Jewish Sepharad = RLST 275~~ (deleted)

ARTH 369 Spirituality and Experience = RLST 369

EALC 463 Drama in Premodern Japan = RLST 485

EALC 488 History of Chinese Buddhism = RLST 488

HIST 345 Medieval Civilization = RLST 345

HIST 346 The Age of the Renaissance = RLST 346

SCAN 251 Viking Mythology = RLST 251

Best,

Bruce

Bruce Rosenstock

Associate Professor of Religion

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Religion

Associate Director, Program in Jewish Culture and Society

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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From: Wright, Charles D

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 2:18 PM

To: Rosenstock, Bruce

Subject: FW: Additional request for approval: of courses cross-listed by RLST in new Medieval Studies curricula

Hi Bruce,

If you have a moment can you reply to my email of 23 August? You had already replied affirmatively to my initial request for approval of RLST courses, but I also had to seek RLST approval of courses that RLST does not control but does cross-list. All the controlling departments have given their approval. The original "additional request" of 8 May is copied below.

Thanks,

Charlie

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From: Wright, Charles D

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 9:09 AM  
To: Rosenstock, Bruce  
Subject: RE: Additional request for approval: of courses cross-listed by RLST in new Medieval Studies curricula

Dear Bruce,

I have not yet received a reply to my request for RLST approval for the use of several cross-listed courses in the new Medieval Studies curricula. The controlling departments have all given their approval, but I must also seek approval from any units that cross-list the courses.

Thanks,

Charlie

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From: Wright, Charles D  
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:24 AM  
To: Rosenstock, Bruce  
Subject: Additional request for approval: of courses cross-listed by RLST in new Medieval Studies curricula

Bruce Rosenstock  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Department of Religious Studies  
2090 Foreign Language Building M/C 177  
707 S. Mathews Ave.

Dear Bruce,

It has been brought to my attention that, in addition to requesting your department's approval for including courses controlled by RLST in the new Medieval Studies curricula, I must also request your permission to include courses with cross-lists in RLST that are controlled by other departments. These are:

ANTH 275 World of Jewish Sepharad = RLST 275  
ARTH 369 Spirituality and Experience = RLST 369  
EALC 463 Drama in Premodern Japan = RLST 485  
EALC 488 History of Chinese Buddhism = RLST 488  
HIST 345 Medieval Civilization = RLST 345  
HIST 346 The Age of the Renaissance = RLST 346  
SCAN 251 Viking Mythology = RLST 251

The controlling departments have already given their approval for our inclusion of these courses.

Thanks again for your time.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright, Director  
Program in Medieval Studies

## Re: Approval SCAN / GER courses

Niekerk, Carl Hendrik

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9:39 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Cc:** Pinkert, Anke

Hi Charlie: Germanic Languages and Literatures approves of GER 470, SCAN 251 and 252 being included in the new major and minor in Medieval Studies. Good luck with the approval process.

Best,

Carl Niekerk

Professor of German, Comparative and World Literature, and Jewish Studies

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**From:** <Wright>, Charles D <[cdwright@illinois.edu](mailto:cdwright@illinois.edu)>

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 8:39 AM

**To:** ATLAS UIUC <[pinkert@illinois.edu](mailto:pinkert@illinois.edu)>

**Subject:** Request for approval of GER & SCAN courses in new Medieval Studies curricula

Anke Pinkert

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures

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Dear Professor Pinkert,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following courses controlled your unit are listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

GER 470/MDVL 470      Middle Ages to Baroque

SCAN 251/MDVL 251 Viking Mythology  
SCAN 252/MDVL 252 Viking Sagas in Translation

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of all the courses listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of these courses to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
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**RE: Request for approval of SLAV 417 in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Finke, Michael C

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 9:05 AM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

Dear Charlie,

Slavic Langs. & Lits. would be very pleased to see SLAV 417 included in the new Medieval Studies curricula. The additional students this may entail would be most welcome, and no burden whatsoever. There could be issues of language competence that would keep it from being a viable choice for some of your students, but that is another matter, and it is within the discretion of the instructor offering the course to accommodate students without Russian.

Best,  
Michael

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:58 AM  
**To:** Finke, Michael C  
**Subject:** Request for approval of SLAV 417 in new Medieval Studies curricula

Michael Finke  
Head, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures  
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Dear Michael,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures.

As part of our proposals for the new Major and Minor, we are required to submit approvals from each Department that controls courses included in these curricula, specifying that there are no significant access issues that would affect the ability of potential Medieval Studies majors and minors to enroll in them. We are estimating that, after the new curricula have been established, we will eventually have a three-year cohort of about 6-8 majors and 15-20 minors.

The following course controlled by your unit is listed among those that would fulfill requirements within the new Major and Minor:

SLAV 417 11th-17th Century Russian Literature and Language

**I hope that you will be able to provide at your earliest convenience approval for your unit (a brief email addressed to me will suffice) for the inclusion in our Major and Minor of the course listed above.**

If there are any access restrictions that might affect the availability of this course to Medieval Studies majors and minors, I would be grateful if you can alert me.

Thanks very much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions about the proposed new curricula in your Department.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright  
Director, Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718



## **RE: request for approval of courses cross-listed in THEA in new Medieval Studies curricula**

Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:39 PM

**To:** Swinford, David P

Thanks, David--

Charlie

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**From:** Swinford, David P

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 2:54 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Subject:** Re: request for approval of courses cross-listed in THEA in new Medieval Studies curricula

that's fine with us.

On Aug 23, 2013, at 8:50 AM, Wright, Charles D wrote:

Hi David,

I haven't yet received a reply to my request for Theatre's approval for including EALC 413 and 463 = THEA 486 in the new Medieval Studies curricula (as I explained in my message of 16 May, we are not requesting any new crosslistings). A brief email will suffice.

Thanks very much,

Charlie Wright

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**From:** Wright, Charles D

**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2013 3:14 PM

**To:** Swinford, David P

**Subject:** RE: request for approval of courses cross-listed in THEA in new Medieval Studies curricula

Hi David,

These cross-lists with Theatre already exist; what I'm requesting is not approval of any new cross-listings, but Theatre's approval as a cross-listing unit for Medieval Studies to include EALC 413 = THEA 488 and 463 in our new curricula.

Best,

Charlie

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**From:** Swinford, David P

**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2013 2:59 PM

**To:** Wright, Charles D

**Subject:** Re: request for approval of courses cross-listed in THEA in new Medieval Studies curricula

we wouldn't cross list with an existing course but, would be happy for an opportunity to cross list with a course number not currently in use.

On May 8, 2013, at 8:34 AM, Wright, Charles D wrote:

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**From:** Wright, Charles D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:19 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Jeffrey Eric  
**Cc:** [dswinfor@illinois.edu](mailto:dswinfor@illinois.edu)  
**Subject:** request for approval of courses cross-listed in THEA in new Medieval Studies curricula

Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Head  
Department of Theatre  
4-122 Krannert Center for the Performing Arts  
500 S. Goodwin Ave.

Dear Professor Jenkins,

The Program in Medieval Studies is proposing a thorough revision of our current Major (an LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration) as well as a new Minor. The proposed new Major and Minor (attached) are intended to reflect our disciplinary expansion as a global program embracing the study of non-European "medieval" cultures. As part of this proposal we must request approval from units that cross-list any courses included in the new curricula, even if they are controlled by other departments. I write to request your approval for the inclusion of the following courses that are cross-listed with THEA:

EALC 413 Premodern Chinese Drama = THEA 488  
EALC 463 Drama in Premodern Japan = THEA 486

The controlling department has already given its approval for our inclusion of these courses.

This approval can be conveyed by a brief email. Thank you for your time.

Cordially,

Charlie

Charles D. Wright, Director  
Program in Medieval Studies  
Department of English, UIUC  
608 S. Wright St. M/C 718

cc: David Swinford

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October 23, 2013

Gay Miller, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: Medieval Studies Concentration.

The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on Courses and Curricula in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kristi A. Kuntz'.

Kristi A. Kuntz  
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Carney  
C. Wright

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
294 Lincoln Hall  
702 South Wright Street  
Urbana, IL 61801-3631



October 11, 2013

Kristi Kuntz  
Assistant Provost  
Swanlund Administration Building  
MC-304

Dear Kristi:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposals:

**Revise the Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum: BALAS Interdisciplinary Studies: Medieval Civilization Concentration, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

**Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Medieval Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Please address all correspondence concerning these proposals to me. These proposals are now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation Fall 2014.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Carney  
Associate Dean

enclosures  
C: Professor Charles Wright