

Global Medieval Studies Minor

The Global Medieval Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Global Medieval Studies, as well as a minor (open to students in the College of Arts and Sciences, MSB, and SFS), both focused on the thousand-year span between about 500 and 1500 C.E.. The program focuses on a historical and cultural period in which Georgetown University has particular strengths across many disciplines, ranging from art and music to philosophy, from literature and history to theology, from China to the Middle East to Europe.

The period between ca. 500 and 1500 C.E. is not only interesting in itself; it was a seminal period in the narrative of modern culture. This era witnessed extraordinary interchange between East and West, especially in technology, literature, science, education, and trade; it also saw the growth and spread of Christianity; the spread of Buddhism to East and Southeast Asia; the establishment of the Hindu synthesis in South Asia; the remarkable rise, spread, and civilization of Islam; the codification of common law; the development of business law and ethics; the establishment of the first secular schools of medicine and law; the invention of banking; the rediscovery of Aristotle in the West; the rise of vernacular literatures, art, and music; and the establishment of the university. These and other developments have had a lasting impact on the world's cultures.

Requirements

Minor in Global Medieval Studies

A minor in Global Medieval Studies is available to students in the College of Arts and Sciences, the McDonough School of Business, and the School of Foreign Service. Students are required to take six courses from the list of GMST courses and X-listed courses that appears in the Schedule of Classes and the program's website every semester. Of the six courses, at least one must focus on Europe and at least one must focus on a geographical area outside of Europe. Students should consult with the director of Medieval Studies about their course of study.