

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C
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Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program
Name of New or Existing Program M.A. English Concentration in Medieval Studies
Select Category Concentration Degree Type Master's
Select Action Revision

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[MA Medieval updated reqs.pdf](#)

Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)
Please see attached file.

[Curriculum Changes - MAs.pdf](#)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

[Justification for Degree Changes - MA Medieval.pdf](#)

Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

CURRENT CATALOG REQUIREMENTS:

M.A. Concentration in Medieval Studies

The M.A. concentration in Medieval Studies is designed for students who wish to pursue an interdisciplinary Master's degree in medieval English literature. The course of study offers a multicultural and interdisciplinary foundation for the study of the Middle Ages and hence would appeal to students who wish to continue their studies in the medieval period above the B.A. level. It also appeals to secondary school teachers who are seeking a multi-disciplinary content-intensive M.A. degree. Finally, the M.A. concentration prepares the student for the Ph.D. Concentration in Medieval Studies.

This concentration requires 34 credit hours of interdisciplinary course work, of which 22 credit hours must be in English. See the department's Web site and Graduate Studies Handbook for specific policy and procedures.

PROPOSED CATALOG REQUIREMENTS:

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This concentration requires 33 credit hours of interdisciplinary course work, of which 24 credit hours must be in English. See the department's Web site and Graduate Studies Handbook for specific policy and procedures.

Proposed Curriculum Changes for English Department Graduate Degree Programs: Master’s Degrees

Changing English Department seminar credit hours from four to three leaves some credit hours in various degree program requirements unaccounted for. For example, in the MA in Language and Literature, with each of the two required seminars reduced by one credit hour, the same number of courses produce two fewer credit hours than before.

I propose that, to accommodate the change in credit hours, we reduce the required number of credit hours in the following ways:

- (1) from 32 to 30, for the MA in Language and Literature;
- (2) from 34 to 33, for the MA in Medieval Studies;
- (3) from 32 to 31, for the MA in Rhetoric and Writing.

Students will take the same raw number of courses as before; this change purely takes into account the smaller number of credit hours produced by those courses after changing the credit hour value of English Department seminars.

<i>Degree Programs Curriculum Changes</i>			
Current Name	Changes	Justification	Form
MA Lang/Lit	reduce coursework to 30 credit hours	reflect changes to seminar credit hours	Form C
MA Medieval	reduce coursework to 33 credit hours	reflect changes to seminar credit hours	Form C
MA RW	reduce coursework to 31 credit hours	reflect changes to seminar credit hours	Form C

Rationale For Changes in Number of Hours Required
for English M.A. Concentration in Medieval Studies

English Department graduate seminars are currently 4-credit-hour courses, and the calculations for the number of required credit hours to earn an M.A. in English with the concentration in Medieval Literature are based on that number. Following the administration's request to bring English graduate seminars in line with the rest of the University's seminars, the English Department faculty voted to reduce the credit-hour value for English graduate seminars from four to three; Forms A have been submitted for each seminar requesting this change. As a consequence of those changes, graduate students will take the same number of courses to fulfill their degree requirements but produce fewer credit hours than before the change. This Form C requests slight revisions to the requirements of the English M.A. Concentration in Medieval Studies to reflect the three-credit-hour value of English graduate seminars. These slight revisions will correct the calculations so that the total number of credit hours required to earn the degree will match what the students will actually earn with the seminars' credit-hour-value reduced to three.

There is also an error in the current catalog copy for the M.A. Concentration in Medieval Studies regarding the number of credit hours that must come from English specifically (as opposed to interdisciplinary work outside the department). These slight revisions fix that error.

Information Regarding Workload, Long-term Planning, and Budget Analysis

The department does not foresee that this change will create a need for any new faculty, nor will it increase workload. There will be no foreseeable increase of the budget. In fact, the change to seminars' credit hours and the consequent recalculation of degree program requirements will avoid intermittent problems with graduate student funding and make it easier for graduate students to finish their degree programs in a timely fashion.