Information about the master course

Medieval and Renaissance Studies (MaRS)



Overview

This two-year course is directed at domestic and international students who focused on Medieval and/or Renaissance studies in the course of their first, completed degree. Students may continue their research focus while exploring and applying methods and theories of neighbouring disciplines. In addition, the practical module of this course will improve your employability in and beyond academia.

Content and structure

The two-year course is divided into four areas:

- In the *curriculum individuale* you chose your personal field of specialisation from thirteen disciplines: Theology, Philosophy, German Studies, Medieval Latin, Slavic Philology, Romance Studies, Scandinavian Studies, English Studies, Medieval Archaeology, Biblical Archaeology and Byzantine Art History, History, Art History and Musicology. The master's thesis, which is composed over the course of the programme, is concerned with the chosen field.
- The *curriculum commune* is completed by all students of the course and includes interdisciplinary courses on methodology, lecture series, and a set of practical activities.
- The curriculum particulare and the curriculum quodlibetale expand your interdisciplinary knowledge and methodology through participation in courses from the complete range of disciplines concerned with the Middle Ages at the University of Freiburg. At present, students may choose from courses offered by more than 15 institutions, seminars, and faculties.

Entry requirements

- An above average degree of a course of at least three years with a focus on the Middle Ages or the Renaissance (usually a BA).
- Very good German skills, good English skills, and proficiency in Latin (Latinum) or equivalent Latin skills.

Dates

- The course can be started in both the winter and the summer semester.
- Application deadlines: 15 July (for the winter semester), 31 January (for the summer semester.)

Application procedure

Please send your application to the coordinator of the master course "Medieval and Renaissance Studies" (Dr. Balázs J. Nemes, Deutsches Seminar – Germanistische Mediävistik, Platz der Universität 3, 79085 Freiburg). Please enclose the following documents: [1] the completed application form of the University of Freiburg; [2] the declaration that you have neither irretrievable failed an examination in nor lost your right to examination for a master, magister, or diploma course in the field of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, signed in your own hand and in German; [3] proof of your degrees and language skills; [4] a short statement of purpose in German or English (not exceeding two pages in DIN A4 format); [5] a CV in German or English, and [6] the addresses of two professors or other faculty members who can give information about your previous accomplishments.

Contact and further information:

- Information & advice: Dr. Balázs J. Nemes (balazs.jozsef.nemes@germanistik.uni-freiburg.de)
- Rules of admission, study plan and overview, rules of examination: http://www.mittelalterzentrum.uni-freiburg.de/masterstudiengang