

Local Guidelines for a Structured PhD in Medieval Studies

This interdisciplinary PhD in Medieval Studies is delivered by over 15 academic staff in 3 Schools (Geography & Archaeology; Humanities; Languages, Literatures & Cultures) in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies.

It is unique in Ireland and distinguished by the range of subjects covered, including Archaeology, European & Irish History, Latin and Late Antiquity alongside Celtic, Germanic and Romance languages and literatures.

The programme consists of a coursework element and a PhD thesis of at least 80,000 words. Coursework is primarily designed to provide students with the linguistic and technical training required for independent research and its dissemination in this interdisciplinary field. It also allows students to gain practical experience, either within the university or in the wider community, through a project to promote understanding of the medieval world.

All students take a combination of modules in 6 areas from existing menus of Medieval Studies (MV) modules and GS/SPA modules offered by the College.

The 6 areas are:

Sources & Resources: Palaeography, Diplomatic & other Auxiliary Sciences

Languages: Latin & medieval vernaculars

'Aspects': focused analysis of aspects of a particular issue or discipline

Practicum: a project-based module in an area like university tutoring, organising a conference, assisting in research, reaching out to schools or local community groups

Supervised Reading & Research: to refine thesis proposal

GS/SPA: Generic postgraduate modules; e.g., Induction & Professional Development.

Students who are admitted with a qualifying BA and/or single-discipline MA must acquire the pre-requisite linguistic and technical training for independent research in Medieval Studies; they will take 70 ECTS coursework, according to the table given overleaf (details in Calendar entry).

Students who have acquired some of that training by completing an MA in Medieval Studies at NUIG (60 ECTS coursework), will take a further 40 ECTS coursework at a more advanced level, with no modules repeated, according to the table given overleaf (details in Calendar entry).

All PhD students are affiliated to NUIG's Centre for Antique, Medieval and Pre-Modern Studies (CAMPS); contribute to the postgraduate medievalists' *IMBAS* conference; and are encouraged to present papers at international conferences such as the ICM (Irish Conference of Medievalists), the Leeds International Medieval Congress and the International Congress of Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI, for which latter they are eligible for the Sieg & Dunlop Travel Bursary.

Assessment

All coursework modules are assessed on a pass/fail basis by means of internally-organised examination or essay and appropriate written or oral coursework. Modules are normally examined at the end of the semester in which they are completed, with repeats in the following Autumn; students must pass all modules (40% or above). The PhD Thesis of at least 80,000 words is completed in students' final year of registration and examined orally (*viva voce*) by internal and external examiners. After the submission of the Examiners' Report and completion of any further work that might be stipulated therein, students submit their thesis and are awarded a PhD (Medieval Studies).

Medieval Studies Post-Graduate Programmes

Structured PhD Medieval Studies

Entry with BA and /or Single-Discipline MA

	MV502 & MV551 Sources & Resources	MV503-513 Medieval Languages	MV515-540 'Aspects' (choice of modules in var. disciplines)	MVxxx Practicum in Medieval Studies	MV552-559 Supervised Reading & Research	SPA448 GS/SPA Modules	Coursework total	Research	TOTAL ECTS
Year 1	10 ECTS	20 ECTS	5 ECTS		10 ECTS	5 ECTS	50 ECTS	40 ECTS	90
Year 2	5 ECTS	10 ECTS		5 ECTS			20 ECTS	70 ECTS	90

Entry with MA Medieval Studies, NUIG

	MV502 & MV551 Sources & Resources	MV503-513 Medieval Languages	MV515-540 'Aspects' (choice of modules in var. disciplines)	MVxxx Practicum in Medieval Studies	MV552-559 Supervised Reading & Research	SPA448 GS/SPA Modules	Coursework total	Research	TOTAL ECTS
Year 1	5 ECTS	10 ECTS			10 ECTS	5 ECTS	30 ECTS	60 ECTS	90
Year 2			5 ECTS	5 ECTS			10 ECTS	80 ECTS	90

Both Entry Streams

Year 3								90 ECTS	90
Year 4								90 ECTS	90