You will engage with sophisticated modes of thought and expression across mediaeval Europe and the Middle East and can select from courses on a variety of historical issues and geographical locations to suit your interests.

- St Andrews has one of the largest concentrations of internationally recognised mediaeval specialists in the world.
- You will have a very wide range of subject choices in Mediaeval History, ranging from Ireland to Armenia, and from the fourth to the fifteenth century.
- An unparalleled interdisciplinary research environment means that you will be taught by many staff who are leaders in their field.
- Studying Mediaeval History offers you the opportunity to explore mediaeval Europe and the Middle East through the thinking and expression of the time, as well as grappling with complex historical issues.
- The town of St Andrews is rich in mediaeval heritage, making it an apt and inspiring choice of location for your studies.

**Mediaeval History & Archaeology**

After taking the third year core class in the principles and techniques in archaeology, you select topics in archaeology and in the history of the mediaeval period of your choice. We offer you the chance to attend the Summer School at the British School of Rome.

**Mediaeval History**

Mediaeval History at St Andrews covers a geographical range from Iceland to Central Asia. We have particular strengths in political, legal, and religious history, in the history of Scotland, and in that of Byzantium and the Middle East.

**First year**

You will explore politics and society in the early mediaeval period (c.500-c.1100) across Britain, Europe and the Near East and also examine developments in the British Isles between 1100 and 1500.

**Second year**

Topics will include an analytical survey of the history of continental mediaeval Europe from the eleventh through the fourteenth centuries, and an introduction to the Middle East, as well as a grounding in the major themes and development of history as a scholarly discipline and the study of historiography. The critical examination of relevant primary sources and study skills are built into the programme.

**Third and fourth years (Honours)**

Third year semester-long options offer specialist study in over 15 different areas.

Examples of recent topics include: early Irish society from the seventh to the ninth centuries, the eastern Roman Empire during the reign of the Emperor Justinian, civil conflicts during the later fifteenth century, and women and gender in later mediaeval Europe.

In fourth year, you take one more Honours option and a year-long Special Subject, and write a dissertation. Examples of Special Subject topics include: a study of the reign of Charlemagne, the British Isles during the Wars of the Bruces, and the lives and religious careers of Saints Francis, Clare and Dominic.

Entry requirements

We consider all aspects of every application, including context, equivalent qualifications and the Personal Statement. Offers may be higher or lower than the grades stated here. See also page 169 of www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

Qualifications must include History.

**SAO Highers**: AAAB

**GCE A-Levels**: AAA

**International Baccalaureate**

Points: 36, including HL6 in History.

“I did not intend on training as a mediaevalist, but pursuing sub-honours Mediaeval History courses convinced me otherwise. In my first and second years, I was introduced to the entire period, exploring the European and Middle Eastern worlds of the fifth to fifteenth centuries. Discovering where my passions lay, I focused on the fifth to ninth centuries in my third and fourth years. Fantastic resources, teaching and small class sizes have made studying the Middle Ages at St Andrews a delight.”

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(County Tyrone, Northern Ireland)