



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2024/2025

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 12 hours

COURSE TITLE

Sources and History of the Middle Ages

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Medieval History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

Italian

COURSE SUMMARY

Written sources and social action. The course will propose an itinerary through the written sources of medieval Italy and their production and preservation processes, with the aim of showing how sources are not a casual remnant of social action, and how instead their very production constitutes an action aimed at changing society. Those who write (an action in itself rare, difficult and costly in the Middle Ages) do so in order to change small and large balances within society.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The aim of the course will therefore not be to present a formal typology of the written sources, but rather an overview of the social actions reflected in the sources and especially of the actions carried out through the writing.

The themes and topics covered, as well as the skills and abilities they are intended to train, are an essential part of the characterising content required for the degree course; the teaching is therefore

aimed at providing specific preparation both in the field of history and in the context of the Degree Course in Historical Sciences.

In particular, the teaching provides knowledge and understanding of the development of the structure of written sources of the Italian Middle Ages, with a specific focus on the mechanisms of production, purposes and forms of preservation. This will provide a better understanding of the processes of historical knowledge formation.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

PhD seminar on written sources of the Early and High Middle Ages.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The visiting professor should have specific expertise in the study of early and high medieval texts, long research activity on these topics and specific experience in coordinating research groups.

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