UNIVERSITÀ DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program
Academic Year 2025/2026

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 24 hours

COURSE TITLE

Sacred Spaces, Religious Behaviour and Imagery in the Medieval Italian Cities

TEACHING PERIOD
I semester

SCIENTIFIC AREA
Medieval History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
Italian

COURSE SUMMARY
Main activity (Bachelor's degree: Institutions and religious Movements in the Middle Ages): VP will explore the theme of the Course with a particular focus on religious spaces and behaviors of men and women in the medieval Italian cities.
Secondary activity (Master's degree: Religious Languages and Power Practices in the European Middle Ages): in the framework of the Course title, VP will explore the notion of "Sacred space" with a particular focus on Religious communication's languages and visual culture as powerful means of the medieval pastoral care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Students will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of religious feelings and behaviors of both medieval men and women through an interdisciplinary approach, between history and art

history. Moreover, Master's students will have the opportunity to gain new insights as regards religious practices and languages of Medieval urban societies.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE

Some educational tours will allow students to see firsthand some evidences of the medieval Italian religious heritage discussed in class.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Since the Course aims to provide students with an interdisciplinary knowledge and skills, the required profile must therefore be competent in the following areas: Medieval History, Medieval Art History, Medieval Religious studies, Medieval Church history, with a special knowledge of both medieval Italian cities and medieval Religious practices. She/He must also be an international profile, with a significant research and teaching experience in one or several world-renowned universities.

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