



Direzione Ricerca,  
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**UNIVERSITÀ  
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## **Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2025/2026**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT:** 12 hours

**COURSE TITLE**

**Sources and History of the Middle Ages**

**TEACHING PERIOD**

II semester

**SCIENTIFIC AREA**

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 BESIDE THE COURSE**

PhD seminar on written sources of the High and Late Middle Ages

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#### **VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**

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

#### **CONTACT REFERENT**

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