MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Admissions

The **doctoral-level Advanced Certificate in Medieval Studies is available only to current Fordham students**.

Completed applications to the **M.A. in Medieval Studies** will include each of the following items:

Resume/CV

Up to two pages in length (submit via the online application).

Official transcripts

Please be sure to order official final transcripts from all previously attended institutions confirming degree conferral (if applicable) at least one month before the posted application deadline. Transcripts should be sent directly from your prior institution(s) via secure electronic delivery to the Office of Admissions at fuga@fordham.edu.

If electronic delivery is not available, please request that your transcripts be submitted by postal service in a sealed envelope from the institution to:

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Office of Admissions
Keating Hall Room 216
Fordham University
441 E. Fordham Rd.
Bronx, NY 10458

Please note: We strongly recommend that you upload unofficial copies of your academic transcripts to your application while the Office of Admissions awaits receipt of your official transcripts.

Please ensure that all official transcripts from previously attended post-secondary institutions are submitted in English, or are accompanied by a certified English translation. For academic transcripts from institutions outside the United States, applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain a course-by-course credential evaluation. Transcripts and credentials conversion information is available on the GSAS International Students page.

Statement of Intent

Up to 500 words submitted electronically via the online application. Describe your interest in the program, what you hope to gain personally and professionally from the program, and your commitment to the field. Please highlight relevant professional, personal, and academic experience.

Supplemental Essay (Optional)

You may choose to answer this optional essay question. Your answer will help the admission committee get a better understanding of your unique perspective and potential contributions to our community. Please discuss how your life experiences, perspective, or worldview have motivated or inspired you, posed challenges, helped you build skills, or taught you valuable lessons. We are eager to learn how these experiences have helped shape who you are and prepared you for graduate study, in keeping with our mission of "graduate education for the global good."

Writing Sample

5-20 pages submitted electronically via the online application.

Three Letters of Recommendation

Submitted directly via the online application. Enter the following information for each of your recommendation providers: name, address, email address, phone number, and institution. Make sure you enter your recommenders' email addresses correctly so that they each receive an automated email instructing them on how to submit their recommendations online. Mark the waiver statement for each recommender you enter.

Official GRE Scores

GRE scores are optional for both the Ph.D. and M.A. programs for the 2024 - 2025 admissions cycle. Applicants who wish to submit GRE scores may do so, but scores are not required (scores should be sent directly by the testing service to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Fordham University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Code #2259).

English Proficiency Requirements

International applicants whose native language is not English are required to complete and submit to GSAS prior to matriculation their official scores from one of the following accepted English language competency exams:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - GSAS accepts the following TOEFL tests:
  - TOEFL iBT (including the Home Edition and Paper Edition
  - TOEFL Essentials
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—Cambridge English Proficiency Level
- Duolingo English Test
- PTE Academic
- Cambridge English Qualifications - We accept the B2 First, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency exams

Official TOEFL, IELTS, DET, PTE Academic, or Cambridge English Qualifications scores should be sent directly by the testing service to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Fordham University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (our ETS TOEFL score code #2259).

Preferred minimum score requirements:

Exam	Score
TOEFL iBT	100
IELTS	7.0 band score
DET	120
PTE Academic	68
Cambridge English Qualifications	185 Overall Score on the B2, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency exam

Exemptions to the English Language Requirements

Exemptions from this requirement can be requested by the applicant in her/his application, or can be made in writing by the applicant to fuga@fordham.edu. Exemptions are generally permitted for international applicants who:

1. are native English speakers from countries where English is an official language; and/or
2. have completed, within the past five years, at least two years of study at an undergraduate or graduate institution in the United States or in a country where English is the official language of instruction.

GSAS retains the right to request language evaluation from any applicant. The Fordham English Language Test (FELT), administered by Fordham's Institute of American Language and Culture (IALC), may be required for those students whose English proficiency scores do not meet GSAS program requirements. Additional coursework may also be recommended by the IALC.

Students are permitted to register for two GSAS courses during the academic term in which they are completing any IALC-recommended coursework, which generally occurs during their first semester of study.

Please note: Tuition costs associated with the learning of English as a second language are the responsibility of the student and will not be covered by a GSAS tuition scholarship. GSAS merit-based tuition scholarships are not applicable to the costs of additional coursework recommended by the IALC.

Contact fuga@fordham.edu with any admission-related questions.

Financial Aid

Graduate assistantships and fellowships are available to all applicants to graduate departments on a merit basis. Several of these graduate assistantships are specifically reserved for first year students in the Medieval Studies master's program. These graduate assistantships include the tuition for 30 credit hours of coursework, a stipend towards health insurance and a stipend for nine months (currently $22,685), in return for working for the Center for Medieval Studies or another academic unit for around 18 hours a week. University, Loyola and Bennet Fellowships, awarded on a merit basis to incoming students, include higher stipends. PhD students enrolled in the Medieval Studies doctoral-level advanced certificate program are also eligible to apply for a Senior Teaching Fellowship, which provides an additional year of funding. Graduate students in Medieval Studies are encouraged to apply for research and travel grants through GSAS. The Graduate Student Association also offers the Professional Development Grant each semester. The GSAS also offers Summer Assistantships on a competitive basis.

For more information about admissions to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, please visit their page on the Fordham website.