# Exegesis of Medieval Historical Sources

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide students with comprehensive knowledge of the different types of historical sources from the Middle Ages. The aim is to provide students with the tools for developing the critical awareness they will need in order to conduct research, including on an independent basis, in the field of medieval history. By the end of the course, students will have acquired knowledge of the historical-critical method applied to the study of medieval texts. This will enable them to contextualise their medieval and, more generally, historical studies in a more conscious way. Students will also be able to approach a written source (documentary, narrative, iconographical etc.), contextualise it and use it to shed light on the salient themes of the period and on the history of the mentality of the age. Mastery of specialist vocabulary of the historical disciplines will also help students to reflect on a complex level and present information with a greater degree of depth and awareness. Students will develop their capacity for learning by studying sources directly and observing their particular characteristics.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Documentary, narrative, normative, memorial and iconographic sources from monasteries (9th-13th century), with a focus on the Lombardy regions.

***READING LIST***

G. Cariboni, *I cistercensi. Un ordine monastico nel Medioevo,* Roma: Carocci, 2023.

The texts and tools used during the course will be published on Blackboard in the materials section.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures.

**NB: The course will be held in Semester 2.**

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on the main themes addressed in lectures and aimed at verifying their capacity for expression and the skills acquired through participation in lectures and personal study.

To pass the exam, students must demonstrate good knowledge of the main issues addressed in lectures. The final mark will be out of 30 (pass mark 18/30; maximum mark 30/30). Students whose performance is comprehensive and appropriately conducted will be awarded 30/30 with distinction (*lode*)

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.