Critical Interpretation of Medieval Historical Sources

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COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course aims to provide students with an overall knowledge of the different types of historical sources from the Middle Ages. The aim is to provide the tools for achieving the critical awareness indispensable for conducting, including autonomously, research in the field of medieval history. At the end of the course, students will have acquired knowledge of the historical-critical method applied to studying medieval texts, allowing them to more consciously frame the contents of medieval and, more generally, historical disciplines. Students will also be able to address a written source (documentary, narrative, iconographic, etc.), contextualise it and, in this way, focus on the salient topics of the period and the history of mentalities. The mastery of an adequate vocabulary appropriate to the historical disciplines will also contribute to richer and more aware thinking and presentations of greater complexity. The ability to learn will be stimulated by direct access to the sources in their unique characteristics.

COURSE CONTENT

Documentary, narrative, legislative, memorial and iconographic sources from the monastic era (9th-13th century), with an in-depth analysis of the Lombard area.

READING LIST

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

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

TEACHING METHOD

Frontal lectures.

Please note: The course will be held in the first semester.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Students will be evaluated during an oral exam, covering the main topics addressed during lectures and aimed at verifying their ability to express themselves and the competences they acquired through lecture participation and personal study.

To pass the exam, students will need to demonstrate a good knowledge of the main topics covered in lectures. The final assessment will be marked out of thirty (minimum pass mark 18/30, maximum mark 30/30). In the event of a complete, exhaustive and appropriately conducted test, honours will be awarded.

NOTES AND PREREQUISITES

There are no special prerequisites.

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.