



Programme changes for 2021/2

This document summarises changes in programme structures (the modules that will be taught) and assessment.

Department / School	Centre for Medieval Studies
Programme(s)	MA in Medieval Studies

Summary of Changes

Assessments for single-subject and interdisciplinary option modules (essays) will remain unchanged. The assessment for the core course remains a group poster presentation--this will likely need to be held live online, due to cohort size, but will be held in person if possible. Depending on circumstances in Summer term 2022, exams for the skills modules may return to a closed, 2-hour format. If this does not prove feasible, then we will conduct a 24-hour take-home exam, as we did in 2020/21.

There are no changes to our overall programme structure. The core course “Introduction to an Interdisciplinary Methodology” and the full suite of language and paleography skills modules will run as normal. “Vikings in Northumbria” will be offered as an interdisciplinary module in the Autumn term. We are returning to offering two interdisciplinary option modules in the Spring term (“Punishing the Body” and “Islamic Worlds”), as opposed to the single module we ran in 2020/21. The range of available single-discipline option modules will be determined by the parent departments, but we expect a full slate of options will be offered by all departments.

Our lively programme of Centre events, including research forums (eg SCRAMS, Viking Studies), the York Medieval Lectures, reading groups, Lords of Misrule, etc. will be carried out in person where possible, but online sessions will be likely for any visiting lectures, until government guidance allows large indoor gatherings.

We aim to resume field trips and site visits for modules in 2021/22, subject to guidance on groups and transportation. Every effort will be made to adapt field trips so they can still go ahead, even if in altered formats if necessary.