

Course title: Language, Religion and Culture in the Roman and German Middle Ages

Course code: MGE0932, MGE0942

Type of course: compulsory

Course level: MA

Year of study: 2nd

Semester: 3rd, 4th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 6/6

Name of the lecturer: Hans Neumann

Course objective: Students should become familiar with the relation of interdependence between culture and religion.

Course contents: Presentation of paradigmatic religious texts (mystical, hagiography, sermons, etc); the way religion influenced the material medieval world (architecture, loisir, consumption, education, etc.) Exemplifying texts, combining the linguistic importance with the historical literary, poetical and rhetorical interest. A short presentation on the genesis of each text, followed by their analysis. A practical model of approaching literary texts raising both linguistic and religious (mentality-related) problems.

Recommended reading: Ebenbauer/P. Krämer: *Ältere deutsche Literatur. Eine Einführung*, Wien 1990; P. Dinzelbacher: *Europäische Mentalitätsgeschichte*, Stuttgart 1993; H. Weddige: *Einführung in die Mediävistik*, München 2000; J. Paul: *Biserică și cultură în Occident*, București 1996; P. Brown: *Întemeierea creștinismului occidental*, Iași 2002

Teaching methods: free discourse, explanatory expositions

Assessment methods: written examination - essay – home assignments. Examination mark = 50 %; evaluation of current activity (essay included) = 50 %

Assessment methods: active attendance, essay, written examination

Language of instruction: German