

COURSE DETAIL

BESTIARY: ANIMALS IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

ANIMALS/MIDDLE AGES

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course examines the relationship between humans and animals in the Middle Ages. The recent "animal turn" in the Humanities and Social Sciences has prompted a re-evaluation of assumptions about the relationship between humans and their ever present animal neighbors. The course investigates key aspects of that relationship in the Medieval world, investigating and contrasting materials from a range of medieval societies, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and "pagan". How were animals and the natural world interpreted by medieval people? The course examines various types of medieval sources, visual as well as textual in this exploration of the interface between humans and animals.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIST10433

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/25-26/dpt/cxhist10433.htm>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of History, Classics and Archaeology

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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