

UNC Middle Ages Society
Constitution
As of the 11th day of September, 2008

I. Mission

A. The mission of the UNC Middle Ages Society (MAS) is to create a student organization for the purpose of exploring the times of the Middle Ages defined as the time approximately between 500 A.D. to 1600 A.D., including Europe and all areas of the world that had contact with Europe during that time frame. The Middle Ages Society will function as primarily an academic organization focusing on historical study and practice of historically accurate arts, crafts, philosophies, politics, economies, and daily life.

B. Activities for MAS club members will be organized to include hands-on classes in topics of interest to the club members. Examples include: calligraphy and illumination, leather working, metal working, jewelry making, herbals for the making of soaps or similar items, and fletching. Activities for the hands-on practice of martial arts will be coordinated with the local Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) to provide insured and supervised fencing and recreation of knightly heavy arms fighting abiding by all rules and regulations of the SCA for such practices. Speakers will be brought in to discuss and present various topics of historical relevance, such as the clothing of a specific period in the Middle Ages, literature, guilds, etc.

C. MAS will also provide for social interaction of students with similar interests with social gatherings both on and off campus.

II. Membership

A. Membership is open to any student at University of Northern Colorado who share an interest in studying the Middle Ages.

B. Meetings shall be open to all members and guests. The Chair will set meeting dates and times in conjunction with the Activity Coordinators as indicated in Article III. Notices will be sent via e-mail to all club members.

III. Officers

- A. Chair – The Chair will establish meeting times, book the rooms, send out meeting notices, and find out from the Activity Coordinators what activities will be on the agenda for that meeting. The Chair will also ensure all mandatory club paperwork is turned into Student Activities and the Business Office as necessary.
- B. Vice-Chair (or Co-Vice Chairs) – The Vice-Chair(s) will assist the Chair with paperwork and setting up meetings as necessary and will lead the meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- C. Activity Coordinator(s) – The Activity Coordinators will determine the schedule of activities for the club and facilitate the organization of the activities in regards to arranging for presenters, reserving necessary equipment, securing snacks, etc.
- D. Fund-raising Chair/Treasurer – The Fund-raising Chair will lead fund raisers and keep track of the organizations funds available working closely with the UNC Business Office. This position will deposit funds according to the Clubs and Organizations guidelines to the UNC Business Office.
- E. Financial Signing Authority - The Chair, one Vice-Chair and the Treasurer will have Financial Signing Authority. The Treasurer will keep the financial records.
- F. Terms of selection– The officers will be chosen by nomination and popular vote of the members attending the first meeting of the Fall semester. The officers shall serve the entire year until the next Fall semester.

G. Removal from Office - If an officer withdraws from UNC, does not re-enroll in Spring classes, or resigns from their position, then that position shall be considered vacant and will be filled at the next regular meeting of the organization by nomination and popular vote of the members attending the meeting. If an officer does not fulfill their duties as defined in Article III, then by a popular vote of the membership that officer may be replaced at a regularly scheduled meeting.

IV. Equal Opportunity -

This organization does not exclude students from membership on the basis of ethnicity, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, creed, disability, veteran status, or religion. All UNC students are welcome to join and participate in activities, as there is no membership criteria.

V. Advisor

A. Selection - The advisor will be a volunteer from the faculty or staff at UNC who agrees to support the mission of MAS. The Chair will choose an advisor at the beginning of the charter process each Fall semester.

B. Duties - The advisor shall support the mission of MAS and is to be included in all correspondence from the club. The advisor shall be asked to assist in cases of disagreement among the club members. The advisor will also assist in ensuring that SRC policies and procedures are being followed and will contact SRC if there appear to be any issues thereof. The advisor must sign the charter documents.

VI. Amendments

A. This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership listed on the current charter document, no less than 6 persons. Votes may be taken via e-mail or at a regularly scheduled meeting.