The middle ages had a profound impact on the subsequent development of the West, including its scientific development. They may also be studied for their unique and idiosyncratic positions that failed to become part of the Western scientific heritage. This course will attempt to assess both strands within the period, focusing on topics that include the relationship between science and religion, science in its institutional context, the impact of Greek and Arabic science in the High Middle Ages, the social context of science, and medieval assumptions about the nature of science.