

## **Abstract**

The thesis is focused on research on the ideal of chivalry and conception of the ideal knight in the medieval literary sources which were written in Czech. Based on the analysis of chivalric rhymed epic and selected chivalric short stories and a comparison of each character of the ideal knights the thesis determines the set of the most important attributes which contribute to formation of the ideal of knighthood. The ideal of knighthood comprises not only virtues such as knight's internal traits, qualities and skills, but the attributes which are rather external as well. The thesis provides mainly the closer analysis of honour, prowess and loyalty, which represent the central concepts of the chivalric ethic. It also deals with the conception of endurance, nobility, wisdom, generosity, piety and justice as other possible attributes of the ideal representative of knighthood.