

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR

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Description

The minor in Middle Eastern studies introduces students to the many facets of Middle Eastern cultures and societies through the interdisciplinary study of languages, history, politics, geography, and anthropology. Minor coursework enables students' understanding of the Middle East as a dynamic region in a global and comparative context. This minor therefore encompasses not only the study of the region itself, but also the flows and circulation of migration, diasporas, refugees, ideas, literatures, social movements, war and natural resources that make the region pivotal to world history and the global economy. In addition, participation in the minor prepares students for study abroad experiences, helps them acquire skills and qualifications for graduate study, and enhances employment opportunities.

Students interested in the minor should contact the coordinator and/or affiliated faculty to discuss their program of study.

Requirements

The Middle Eastern studies minor requires five courses (20 credits) drawn from the list of approved courses or from exceptional courses and opportunities approved by the affiliate faculty in respective disciplines. The five-course requirement must include one non-language course.

Code	Title	Credits
Elective Courses		
Select five of the following:		20
ANTH 500	Peoples and Cultures of the World (only topic C)	
ANTH 640	Anthropology of Islam: Muslims' Everyday Lives in Contemporary Communities	
ANTH 700	Internship (only topic A: Preserving Cultural Heritage in Syria and Iraq)	
ANTH 750	Islam and Gender: Gendered Lives of Muslims	
ARBC 401	Elementary Arabic I	
ARBC 402	Elementary Arabic II	
ARBC 503	Intermediate Arabic	
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ARBC 631	Advanced Arabic I	
ARBC 632	Advanced Arabic II	
GEOG 540	Geography of the Middle East	
HIST 425	Foreign Cultures	
HIST #425W	Foreign Cultures (Islamic Culture and Civilization)	
HIST #575	Ancient Near East	
HIST 585	Medieval Islam	
HIST 586	Islam in the Modern Age, 15th Century to present	
HIST 640	Holy War in the Holy Land: The Medieval Crusades	
HUMA 444F	Travelers in the Premodern World	
HUMA 730	Special Studies (Symbols of Islam in America)	
POLT 559	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	
POLT 588	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (Ethnic Violence, Politics, and Identity)	
POLT 740	States and Societies in the Middle East	
POLT #798C	Seminar in Comparative Politics (The Politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India)	
Total Credits		20

Students must receive a grade of C- or better for a course to count toward the minor. Courses for the minor may not be taken on a pass/fail basis.

Foreign Language Study: The study of a Middle Eastern language or language relevant to Middle Eastern studies is strongly encouraged but not required. Students are encouraged and permitted to count Arabic toward the five-course requirement. Students who have studied Hebrew, Turkish, Farsi, or other Middle Eastern languages at other institutions may apply for transfer of their credit toward the minor. Through petition to the minor coordinator and with support of affiliate faculty in the respective discipline, students may apply for European languages, such as French and Italian, to count toward minor requirements, provided these are relevant to their research and study interests in the region.

Transfer or Articulation Agreements with other Institutions: Transfer of credits may be approved by the coordinator to count toward the minor if the transfer is accepted by the University and fits within the scope of the minor.

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