MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: MES

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Today, more than ever before, Middle East politics have become intertwined with American politics and the lives of many Americans. The minor is designed to equip undergraduates with a firm multidisciplinary grounding in the region, its history, and its international relations.

Faculty

Amireh, Bakhash, Bryant, Dakake, Gopin, Haddad (director), Hamdani, Katz, Lukacs, Mandaville, Paczynska, Rouhana, Salawdeh

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

In partial fulfillment of coursework for the minor, students are strongly encouraged to participate in a study abroad program in the Middle East.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
Total Credits		6

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select four electives from the following: [1]		12
ARAB 325	Major Arab Writers/Stories (Mason Core)	
ARAB 330	Reading and Conversation I	
ARAB 331	Reading and Conversation II	
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western (if region studied is relevant to Middle East studies)	
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core)	
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core)	
CONF 340	Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution (Mason Core)	
ENGH 362	Global Voices (Mason Core) (if literatures studied are relevant to Middle East studies)	
GGS 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
GOVT 328	Global Political Theory	
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	
GOVT 445	Human Rights	
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (if region studied is relevant to Middle East studies)	
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
RELI 211	Religions of the West (Mason Core)	
RELI 272	Islam	
RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	
RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	
Total Credits		12

[1] One course in a relevant language may be used as an elective. Other courses including ANTH 399 Issues in Anthropology or CONF 399 Special Topics in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, when topic is relevant to the Middle East, may be used as electives with the prior written approval of the director.