MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, MINOR

Liberal Arts (Code 355-400)

Advisor: S. Fink (Philosophy and Religious Studies).

This minor examines issues in the Middle East from a variety of disciplinary perspectives and includes study of a Middle East language as an option.

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The Background.

Minimum two courses from the following:

- FLG 101 Beginning Foreign Language I (must be in Arabic, Turkish, Persian, or Modern Hebrew)
- FLG 102 Beginning Foreign Language II (must be in Arabic, Turkish, Persian, or Modern Hebrew)
- RELS 100 Introduction to the Religions of the World
- RELS 307 Judaism
- RELS 309 Islam
- HIST 292 Origins of Current World Conflicts
- HIST 302 Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations
- HIST 382 Imperialism Since 1800
- POLS 334 International Political Economy

The Middle East.

Minimum three courses from the following:

- GEOG 319 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
- POLS 321 Politics of the Middle East
- POLS 336 Arab-Israeli Conflict
- SOC 304 Sociology of the Middle East

Students may substitute an independent study, special topics, or directed studies course with a focus on the Middle East for a course from either category with consent of the minor advisor.

NOTE 1: ENGL 330 may be substituted for any course in The Middle East category if the topic is Middle Eastern.

NOTE 2: Students are encouraged to complete a study abroad program in a Middle Eastern country and will be able to transfer credits from that program into the minor.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of Middle Eastern history, politics, religion, and culture.
- Speak, write, and read at an elementary level in a Middle Eastern language.
- Apply a variety of methodological approaches in carrying out research in Middle Eastern studies.