

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, MINOR

- Deconstruct uniform conceptions of the Middle East through familiarity with the diversity of Middle Eastern culture and society.

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.

Code	Title	Credits
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Twenty-four semester credits of which students can take no more than three courses with a single prefix, and a minimum of nine credits at the 300- or 400-level.

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.