

# MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR

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This interdisciplinary minor examines the history, culture, languages, religions, and politics of the Middle East. Faculty research and teaching focus on ancient source texts, the art, literature, history, and culture of the Middle East; conflict resolution; gender issues; and contemporary political issues. Students may study these and other aspects of the Middle East.

## Requirements

The minor requires 20 credits in Middle Eastern Studies, consisting of:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Language Category</b>		
Select two consecutive semesters in one of the regional languages (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish):		8
ARB 101	Arabic I	
ARB 102	Arabic II	
ARB 201	Arabic III	
ARB 202	Arabic IV	
ARB 301	Arabic V	
ARB 302	Arabic VI	
PRS 101	Persian I	
PRS 102	Persian II	
PRS 201	Persian III	
PRS 202	Persian IV	
HEB 101	Hebrew I	
HEB 102	Hebrew II	
HEB 201	Hebrew III	
HEB 202	Hebrew IV	
HEB 301	Advanced Hebrew I	
HEB 303	Advanced Hebrew II	
TRK 101	Turkish I	
TRK 102	Turkish II	
TRK 201	Turkish III	
TRK 202	Turkish IV	

### Elective Courses

Students must take 12 credits of elective MES content courses (numbered 300 or above) that concentrate on the history, politics, society, and culture of the area including Iran, Turkey, Israel, and the Arab world. Other regions, which have been influenced by Middle Eastern societies and cultures, are also included. These courses must be drawn from at least 2 different departments (3x4=12 credits).

**Total Credits** 20

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Sample courses include, but not limited to those listed below (students may petition the Program Director to substitute other courses with at least 1/3 MES content).

Code	Title	Credits
ARB 301	Arabic V	3
ARB 302	Arabic VI	3
ARB 326	Structure of Standard Arabic	3
ARC 435	Islamic Architecture	3
HOA 389	Islamic Architecture	3
ENG 410	Topics in Forms and Genres	3
QSX 400	Selected Topics: Queer Sexuality	1-6
WGS 400	Selected Topics	1-6
GEO 435	The Global Middle East	3
HEB 301	Advanced Hebrew I	3
HEB 401	Hebrew Literature in the Original	3
MES 340	America and the Middle East	3
HST 336	America and the Middle East	3
HST 407	Iraq: Modern Nation to US Occupation	3
HUM 404	'AZAHAR' The Islamic Conquest and the Christian Reconquest	2
MES 338	Middle East Media	3
HST 338	Middle East Media	3
MES 308	Ancient Judaism and the Origins of Christianity	3
MES 315	Arab American Literature and Culture	3
MES 317	The Arab Revolutions	3
HST 317	The Arab Revolutions	3
HST 208	Middle East Since the Rise of Islam	3
HST 209	Modern Middle East	3
MES 321	Christians, Jews and Muslims	3
MES 335	Israeli Literature and Culture	3
JSP 335	Israeli Literature and Culture	3
LIT 335	Israeli Literature and Culture	3
REL 335	Israeli Literature and Culture	3
MES 336	Arabic Cultures	3
ARB 336	Arabic Cultures	3
LIT 336	Arabic Cultures	3
MES 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
JSP 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
PSC 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
REL 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3

MES 344	Politics of the Middle East	3	JSP 307	The Temple and the Dead Sea Scrolls	3
PSC 344	Politics of the Middle East	3	REL 334	Modern Judaism	3
MES 349	Politics of Iran	3	JSP 435	Modern Jewish Thought	3
PSC 349	Politics of Iran	3	REL 435	Modern Jewish Thought	3
MES 350	Gender, Violence, and Sexualities in the "War on Terror"	3			
ENG 352	Race, Nation, and Empire	3			
MES 360	Reading Gender and Sexualities: Gender and Sexuality in the Arab World	3			
ENG 362	Race, Gender & Sexualities	3			
MES 364	Enchanting Words: Muslim Poets, Singers and Storytellers	3			
REL 364	Enchanting Words: Muslim Poets, Singers and Storytellers	3			
SAS 364	Enchanting Words: Muslim Poets, Singers and Storytellers	3			
MES 365	God and Beauty in Islamic Art	3			
MES 374	Popular Culture in the Middle East	3			
HST 374	Popular Culture in the Middle East	3			
MES 368	Islam and the West	3			
HST 368	Islam and the West	3			
PSC 368	Islam and the West	3			
MES 382	Health in the Middle East	3			
MES 386	Sounds of the Silk Road	3			
MES 391	Revolutions in the Middle East	3			
PSC 391	Revolutions in the Middle East	3			
MES 392	Islamism and Islamist Movements Today	3			
PSC 392	Islamism and Islamist Movements Today	3			
REL 362	Islamism and Islamist Movements Today	3			
MES 393	Middle Eastern Political Systems	3			
PSC 393	Middle Eastern Political Systems	3			
MES 394	History of Islamic Political Thought	3			
PSC 394	History of Islamic Political Thought	3			
MES 395	Democratization in the Muslim World	3			
PSC 395	Democratization in the Muslim World	3			
MES 406	The Middle East in Graphic Novels	3			
ENG 412	Race, Forms & Genres	3			
MES 453	Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies	3			
QX 453	Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies	3			
WGS 453	Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies	3			
MES 465	Beyond the Veil: Gender Politics in Islam	3			
MES 468	Middle East in Anthropological Perspective	3			
MES 495	Distinction Thesis in Middle East Studies	3			
MES 400	Selected Topics in Middle Eastern Studies	1-6			
IRP 400	Selected Topics	1-6			
PHI 308	Classical Islamic Philosophy	3			
PSC 362	Religion, Identity and Power	3			
PSC 400	Selected Topics	1-6			
REL 301	Ancient Near Eastern Religions and Cultures	3			
REL 307	The Temple and the Dead Sea Scrolls	3			