

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR

The Middle East is the cradle of both Western civilization and its major religious traditions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The Middle East Studies minor is intentionally interdepartmental and interdisciplinary. It is designed to provide students with a broad range of knowledge related to the Middle East. It also provides the student with several opportunities to travel to the Middle East. The central geographical focus of this program will be on the Arab states, Israel, Turkey, and Iran. The chronological scope of the program will range from the dawn of civilization to the present.

¹ With special permission MES 4V01 Readings in Mid-East Studies may be taken for three hours credit.

Requirements for a Minor in Middle East Studies

Code	Title	Hours
Eighteen semester hours including the following:		
Required Courses		
<i>Middle East Studies Core</i>		
Select twelve semester hours from the following: ¹		12
ARC/REL 4302	Archaeology and the Ancient Near East	
HIS 3311	Middle East History 600 - 1798	
HIS 4312	Modern Middle East History	
MES 2301	Introduction to the Middle East	
PSC 4334	Governments and Politics of the Middle East	
REL 4343	Topics in Islam	
<i>Additional Requirements</i>		
Select six semester hours from the following:		6
ANT 1310	Cultural Geography	
ANT 4341	Archaeology of the Mediterranean	
ARB 1301	Introduction to Arabic	
or ARB 1302	Intro to Arabic	
ARB 2310	Intermediate Spoken/Modern Standard Arabic	
or ARB 2320	Arabic Popular Culture	
ARC 2308	Historical Geography of the Biblical World	
ARC 3303	Archaeology and the Bible	
ECO 4321	Energy Economics	
HEB 1301	Introductory Hebrew I	
or HEB 1302	Introductory Hebrew II	
HEB 2310	Intermediate Hebrew I	
or HEB 2320	Intermediate Hebrew II	
HIS 4313	War and Peace in the Middle East	
MES/REL 3V00	Biblical Heritage and Contemporary Society in the Holy Land	
MES 4V01	Readings in Mid-East Studies	
PSC 3314	Politics and Problems of Developing Countries	
PSC 3324	World Political Systems	
A grade of "C" or better for courses counting toward the minor.		
At least nine of the eighteen hours for the minor must be at the "3000" or "4000" level		
Total Hours		18