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.

Requirements for a Minor in Middle East Studies

Eighteen semester hours including the following:

**Required Courses**

Middle East Studies Core

Select twelve semester hours from the following:  

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<td>Archaeology and the Ancient Near East</td>
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<td>REL 4343</td>
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Additional Requirements

Select six semester hours from the following: 6

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<td>Arabic Popular Culture</td>
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<td>Politics and Problems of Developing Countries</td>
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<td>World Political Systems</td>
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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

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