



Middle East and Islamic Studies

College of Arts and Letters

Minor

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) emphasizes course work in the history, politics, society, culture, and religion of the Middle East and the wider Islamic world. The curriculum for the program includes upper and lower division courses offered by the departments of History, Humanities and Religious Studies, Government, Sociology, Women's Studies and Foreign Languages. Students wishing to minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies are required to consult with the program coordinator.

Special Features

- The minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies is administered through the Department of History in the College of Arts and Letters.
- The program committee consists of faculty from several departments in the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies.
- With the approval of the student's MEIS faculty advisor and the program coordinator students may take a maximum of three (3) units of independent study towards the electives requirement for the minor. The independent study project must consist of substantial readings and research in a project developed in consultation with the student's faculty advisor.

Faculty

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Requirements • Minor

Units required for the Minor: 18, six units maximum may be from lower division course work. All required courses are also listed as potential electives. Courses taken to fulfill requirements cannot also be taken as electives. The elective courses under requirement C must be taken from two or more departments.

A. Islamic Studies Requirement (3 units)

- (3) Select one of the following:
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| HIST 8 | Introduction to Islamic Civilization |
| HRS 144 | Introduction to Islam |

B. Modern Middle East Requirement (6 units)

- (6) Select two of the following:
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| GOVT 148 | Governments and Politics in the Middle East |
| HIST 143B | The Modern Middle East |
| SOC 162 | Middle Eastern Societies and Culture |

C. Electives (9 units)

- (9) Select three of the following (choices must come from two or more departments):
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| ARBC 1A | Elementary Arabic |
| ARBC 1B | Elementary Arabic (ARBC 1A or instructor permission) |
| ARBC 2A | Intermediate Arabic (ARBC 1B or instructor permission) |
| GOVT 137 | Nationalism (GOVT 35, GOVT 130, or instructor permission) |
| GOVT 148 | Governments and Politics in the Middle East |
| HIST 8 | History of Islamic Civilizations |
| HIST 110 | The Ancient Near East: A Cultural History (Passing score on WPE) |
| HIST 143A | Middle Eastern History to 1800 |
| HIST 143B | The Modern Middle East |
| HIST 144 | Modern Iran: Islam, Politics, and the State, 1500-Present |
| HRS 144 | Introduction to Islam |
| HRS 145 | Introduction to Islamic Cultures (One of the following: HRS 140, HRS 144, HRS 178B, HIST 8, HIST 143A, or instructor permission.) |
| HRS 152 | Great Mystics of the World |
| HRS 178B | Religions of India II: Medieval and Modern |
| SOC 162 | Middle Eastern Societies and Culture |
| SOC 163 | Conflict, Oil, and Development in the Middle East |
| WOMS 121 | Women of the Middle East |
| GOVT/HIST/HRS/SOC 199 | Special Problems or Independent Study |