



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 • Middle East and Islamic Studies 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 008 | 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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| HIST 143B | The Middle East 1800 to the Present |
| GOVT 148 | Government and Politics of the 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 001A | Elementary Arabic |
| ARBC 001B | Elementary Arabic |
| ARBC 002A | Intermediate Arabic |
| GOVT 137 | Nationalism |
| GOVT 148 | Government and Politics of the Middle East |
| HIST 008 | Introduction to Islamic Civilization |
| HIST 110 | The Ancient Near East |
| HIST 143A | The Middle East to 1800 |
| HIST 143B | The Middle East 1800 to the Present |
| HRS 144 | Introduction to Islam |
| HRS 145 | Islamic Cultures |
| HRS 152 | Mysticism |
| HRS 178B | South Asian Religions |
| SOC 162 | Middle Eastern Societies and Culture |
| SOC 163 | Middle East Conflict, Oil, and Development |
| WOMS 121 | Women in the Middle East |
| HIST/ HRS/ GOVT/ SOC 199 | Special Problems or Independent Study |