

MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

College of Arts and Letters

Program Description

The minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) emphasizes coursework 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.

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Minor

Units required for the Minor: 18, six units maximum may be from lower division coursework. 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.

Islamic Studies Requirement (3 Units)

Select one of the following: 3

HIST 8 History of Islamic Civilizations

HRS 144 Introduction To Islam

Modern Middle East Requirement (6 Units)

Select two of the following: 6

GOVT 148 Governments and Politics in the Middle East

HIST 143B The Modern Middle East

SOC 162 Middle Eastern Societies and Culture

Electives (9 Units)

Select three of the following (choices must come from two or more departments): 9

ARBC 1A Elementary Arabic

ARBC 1B Elementary Arabic

ARBC 2A	Intermediate Arabic
GOVT 137	Nationalism
GOVT 148	Governments and Politics in the Middle East
HIST 8	History of Islamic Civilizations
HIST 110	The Ancient Near East: A Cultural History
HIST 143A	Middle Eastern History to 1800
HIST 143B	The Modern Middle East
HRS 144	Introduction To Islam
HRS 145	Introduction to Islamic Cultures
HRS 152	Great Mystics of the World
SOC 162	Middle Eastern Societies and Culture
SOC 163	Conflict, Oil and Development in the Middle East
SOC 199	Individual Study Projects
WOMS 121	Women Of The Middle East
Total Units	18