# MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## **Program Description**

This interdisciplinary program is designed for students having special interest in the Middle East broadly defined. In addition to the requirements for the minor, students may select other courses dealing with the Middle East, including courses studied abroad, subject to the approval of the Middle East Studies director. A certificate is awarded to students who complete the requirements of the minor.

### What is Middle East Studies?

Middle Eastern Studies intends to instill an understanding of the history and culture of the multiple countries that make up the Middle East, from ancient through modern times. It is an interdisciplinary area of study that encompasses various aspects of the Middle East such as history, politics, religion, language, literature, art history, and more. Middle Eastern Studies offers a way to investigate a region of the world from multiple perspectives engaging a variety of methods of study.

### You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to pursue a career or engage in graduate studies in fields such as archaeology, philosophy, literature, religious studies, political sciences, and more.
- You are interested in gaining further insight into the societies and cultures of ancient civilizations.
- You have a desire to do in depth research on the Middle East, and hope to spend time abroad to immerse yourself in the cultures and languages.

## **Program Requirements**

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## **Requirements for the Minor**

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Course	es	
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Select 3 credits fr	om the following:	3
CMLIT 7	Introduction to Middle Eastern Literatures	
HIST/ARAB/ RLST 165	Islamic States, Societies and Cultures c. 600-150	00
HIST/JST 181	Introduction to the Middle East	
HIST 190	The Middle East Today	
PLSC 267N	Government and Politics of the Middle East	

Select 15 credits from the following (at least 6 credits at the 400-level 15 and no more than 6 credits from language study):  ANTH/JST/ PLSC 60N  ARAB 1 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic I  ARAB 2 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II  ARAB 3 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II  ARAB 3 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II  ARAB 1 Arab Language, Cultures, and Current Topics  ARAB 110 Arab Language, Cultures, and Current Topics  ARAB 1110 Arab Language, Cultures and Cultures c. 600-1500  RIST 165  ARAB 401 Advanced Language & Cultures II  ARAB 402 Advanced Language & Cultures II  ARTH 125 Islamic Architecture and Art  ASIA 186 The Silk Roads  ASIA 401 Technology & Society in Modern Asia  CAMS 10 Mesopotamian Civilization  CAMS 10 MESOPOTAMIAN CIVILIZATION  CAMS 20 Egyptian Civilization  CAMS 44 Myth in Egypt and the Near East  CAMS/JST/ Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future  RLST 90  CAMS 314 Ancient Egypt  CAMS 115 Literature of the Ancient Near East  CAMS 405 Law & Economy in the Ancient Near East  CAMS 406 Law & Economy in the Ancient Near East  CAMS 470 Languages and Cultures of the Ancient Near East  CAMIT 449 Literary Cultures of Islam  HEBR 1 Basic Modern Hebrew II  HEBR 2 Basic Modern Hebrew II  HEBR 3 Intermediate Modern Hebrew  HEBR 401 Advanced Hebrew—Conversation Emphasis  HEBR 402 Advanced Hebrew—Reading Emphasis  HIST 105 The Byzantine Empire  HIST 106 Early Modern Empires of Islam: The Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals  HIST 107  HIST 108 The Indian Ocean World  HIST 199 The Indian Ocean World  HIST 191 The Middle East Today  HIST 238N Society and Culture in Palestine/Israel  HIST 250 The Middle East Today  HIST 251 Revolutions in the Middle East  HIST 252 Revolutions in the Middle East  HIST 255 The Middle East Studies Research Workshop  HIST/JST 416 Zionism		RLST 107	Introduction to Islam	
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	HIST/JST 443	Jewish Histories of the Middle East
	HIST/RLST 471Y	Classical Islamic Civilization, 600-1258
	HIST 472	The Ottoman Empire
	HIST/JST 473	The Contemporary Middle East
	PLSC 267N	Government and Politics of the Middle East
	PLSC 467	International Relations of the Middle East
	RLST 107	Introduction to Islam

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Some courses may require other course work as some courses have prerequisites.

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- Philosophy
- · Politics

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