Middle Eastern Studies (MES)

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The interdisciplinary minor in Middle Eastern Studies allows students interested in the Middle East to design an individual program of study centered around a particular area of concentration in consultation with an advisor.

Requirements for the Minor in Middle Eastern Studies (MES)

All courses offered for the minor must be taken for a letter grade. Failure to obtain prior approval of the program may result in denial of credit for the minor.

Completion of the minor requires 18 credits.

1. SOC 264 Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies
2. 15 credits chosen from courses on the Middle East, of which at least nine credits must be upper-division. Courses to be distributed as follows:
   a. 12 credits in courses on the student’s approved topic
   b. Three credits in a related course from another minor topic area in Middle Eastern studies

Notes:
1. Other courses may be substituted for SOC 264 with the permission of the director of the minor.
2. Besides the required courses, it is strongly recommended that students take a year of language related to their chosen topic area.

Sample Programs

The following programs are suggested as examples only. Students should consult an advisor about other possibilities, such as Islamic studies, Middle Eastern history, or Semitic languages and linguistics. The courses indicated in parentheses are recommended language courses but are not required.

Near Eastern Religions
   ANT 360 Ancient Mesopotamia
   JDH/RLS 230 Judaism
   JDH/RLS 320 The Rabbinitic Tradition
   JDS/HIS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage
   JDS/HIS 226 The Shaping of Modern Judaism
   AAS/RLS 200 Islam
   AAS/RLS 300 Islamic Classics
   SOC 264 Introduction to Middle Eastern Society
   SOC 386 State and Society in the Middle East
   (ARB 111, 112 Elementary Arabic or HBW 111, 112 Elementary Hebrew)

Middle Eastern Culture and Politics
   ANT 310 Ethnography (appropriate topic only)
   ANT 311 Immersion in Another Culture (appropriate topic only)
   AAS/RLS 200 Islam
   AAS/RLS 300 Islamic Classics
   SOC 264 Introduction to Middle Eastern Society
   SOC 386 State and Society in the Middle East
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Ancient Near East
   ANT 290 Science and Technology in Ancient Society
   ANT 350 Ways to Civilization
   ANT 360 Ancient Mesopotamia
   JDS/HIS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage
   SOC 264 Introduction to Middle Eastern Society
   SOC 386 State and Society in the Middle East
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