

Middle Eastern Studies Program

College of Humanities and Public Affairs

Career Preparation

With the increased emphasis being placed on International Studies, world markets and diversity awareness, the College of Humanities and Public Affairs has created a minor in Middle Eastern Studies. Students who earn this minor will be better prepared for careers in international business, public service, human resources and graduate studies in history, political science, public administration and religious studies.

Academic Program

The Middle Eastern Studies Program is housed in the College of Humanities and Public Affairs and is administered by the Associate Dean. It provides a minor course of study allowing students to concentrate their efforts in the study of the peoples, cultures, history, geography, languages and religions of the modern Middle East. The minor consists of 18 hours. All students are required to take HST 370 and HST 371 or PLS 544, and no more than nine hours in any one discipline to complete the minor.

Areas of Study

The minor may be applied to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science Nursing and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees. The minor in Middle Eastern Studies includes HST 370 and HST 371 or PLS 544, plus 12 hours of additional course work or a total of at least 18 hours, with a minimum GPA of 2.50 in courses counted toward the minor.

Courses

A. HST 370 - History of the Middle East from 600-1914 and HST 371 – History of the Middle East since 1914 or PLS 544 – Governments and Politics of the Middle East

B. Twelve hours from the following areas, with no more than six hours from any one category:

1. HST 372: From Hollywood to the Middle East:
 - In Search of Arab Identity
 - HST 543: History of Arab-Israeli Conflict
2. REL 330: Judaism
 - REL 350: Islam
 - REL 397: Variable Topics in Religious Studies*
 - ART 382: A Survey of Islamic Art

3. HBW 101, HBW 102, HBW 201, HBW 202:
 - Elementary & Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
 - ARB 101, ARB 102, ARB 201, ARB 202: Elementary and Intermediate Arabic
 - LLT 197: Topics in Language & Literature*
4. GRY 305: Selected World Regions*
 - PLS 546: Political Violence & Terrorism
 - ANT 335: Peoples & Cultures of the Middle East
 - SOC 397: Special Topics in Sociology*

*when applicable

Faculty

Faculty teaching courses in the program have expertise in a wide range of subjects, including the History of the Middle East, Middle Eastern Politics, Islam, Judaism and Middle Eastern geography and culture.

Administration of the Program

Courses must be approved by the faculty of the Middle Eastern Studies Committee for inclusion in the minor. The Associate Dean of CHPA must approve the course of study for each student who wishes to complete a Middle Eastern Studies Minor.

For More Information

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