

Middle Eastern Studies (MES)**Minor in Middle Eastern Studies****College of Arts and Sciences**

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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 230/RLS 230 Judaism

JDH 320/RLS 320 The Rabbinic Tradition

JDS 225/HIS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage

JDS 226/HIS 226 The Shaping of Modern Judaism

AAS 280/RLS 280 Islam

AAS 380/RLS 380 Islamic Classics

SOC 264 Introduction to Middle Eastern Society

SOC 386 State and Society in the Middle East

ARB 111, ARB 112 Elementary Arabic or HBW 111, HBW 112 Elementary Hebrew

Ancient Near East

ANT 290 Science and Technology in Ancient Society

ANT 358 Ways to Civilization

ANT 360 Ancient Mesopotamia

JDS 225/HIS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage

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Middle Eastern Culture and Politics

ANT 310 Ethnography (appropriate topic only)

ANT 311 Immersion in Another Culture (appropriate topic only)

AAS 280/RLS 280 Islam

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No courses are associated with this academic program.