

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES (MEST) MINOR

Code	Title	Credits
I. Required Minor Courses		
RLCL 2324	Islam	3
HIST 2345	History of the Middle East	3
or HIST 2346	History of the Middle East	
Select one of the following:		3
ARBC 1105	Elementary Arabic	
ARBC 1106	Elementary Arabic	
ARBC 1114	Accelerated Elementary Arabic	
ARBC 2105	Intermediate Arabic	
ARBC 2106	Intermediate Arabic	
ARBC 3105	Advanced Arabic	
ARBC 3106	Advanced Arabic	
ARBC 3474	Topics in Arab Cinema	
ARBC 3514	Media Arabic	
Subtotal		9
II. Elective Courses		
Select three Elective Courses (two of which must be at the 3000 level or above). Only one elective can be a language class. ¹		9
<i>Religion and Culture</i>		
RLCL 1024	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
RLCL 1024H		
RLCL/WGS 3014	Women and Gender in Islam	
RLCL/HIST 3504	The Age of The Crusades	
RLCL/IS/ARBC 3644	Religion in the Middle East	
<i>History</i>		
HIST 2345	History of the Middle East ²	
HIST 2346	History of the Middle East ²	
HIST 3654	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
<i>Foreign Languages and Literatures</i>		
ARBC 1105	Elementary Arabic ²	
ARBC 1106	Elementary Arabic ²	
ARBC 1114	Accelerated Elementary Arabic	
ARBC 2105	Intermediate Arabic ²	
ARBC 2106	Intermediate Arabic ²	
ARBC 2774	Arab Culture and Civilization ²	
ARBC 3105	Advanced Arabic ²	
ARBC 3106	Advanced Arabic ²	
ARBC 3304	Topics in Modern Arab Cultures ²	
ARBC 3474	Topics in Arab Cinema ²	
ARBC 3514	Media Arabic	
<i>School of Visual Arts</i>		
ART 3054	Islamic Art and Architecture	
<i>Political Science</i>		
JUD/PSCI 3544	The State of Israel: A Political History	

PSCI 3594	Topics in Middle East Politics and International Relations
<i>Government and International Affairs</i>	
GIA 5314	Middle East Geopolitics
GIA/PSCI 5614/ HIST 5544	Understanding The Israeli Palestinian Conflict
<i>Economics</i>	
ECON 3314	Middle East Economics
Subtotal	
Total Credits	

9

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¹ ARBC 1105, ARBC 1106, ARBC 1114, ARBC 2105, ARBC 2106, ARBC 3105, and ARBC 3106 count as language classes.

² Course offerings listed in both Section I and Section II may not be counted twice.

Graduation Requirements

Special offerings, topics courses, Independent Study (4974), Special Study (2984 or 4984), or Undergraduate Research (4994) in any department, so long as the topic is appropriate, may also be counted towards this minor. Permission to include courses not specifically listed here, however, must be granted by the minor coordinator.

Please note that all upper division courses may require prerequisites. Students must take responsibility to familiarize themselves with any prerequisites that may be required when selecting courses.

Students must have an over-all GPA of 2.0 and an in-minor GPA of 2.0 in order to graduate. According to Policy 11(c) all courses used to fulfill the requirements of the minor will be used to determine the minor GPA.

Students interested in the Middle East Studies Minor are encouraged to talk with Dr. Rachel Scott, rmsscott@vt.edu, 540-231-4848.