

# MINOR IN MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

## College of Liberal & Creative Arts

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## Program Scope

The Minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies is a multidisciplinary minor designed to provide undergraduate students with a broad understanding of the history, politics, and culture of the Middle East and Islamic world. Students are required to fulfill both core and elective requirements designed to give a background of the complexity and diversity of the region as well as offer more specific, in-depth studies of select issues of the region. This program covers regions and peoples from or in the Middle East from the founding of Islam in the seventh century to the present. In concert with the "Islamic Studies" aspect of this program, this minor also extends beyond the Middle East to those cultures, societies, and areas that are associated with the historical and current spread of Islam. Students can select from a variety of courses across multiple disciplines, including history, religion, politics, culture, art, music, language, and literature.

The minor is useful to students planning careers in politics and government, business, education, international organizations, journalism, and art, as well as for those who simply desire a better understanding of the Middle East and Islam. The multidisciplinary nature of the program also prepares students for further study in a number of academic fields at the graduate level.

The Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor consists of a core curriculum of three courses that deal with the region as a whole from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, plus three upper-division courses taken upon advisement.

## Professor

Fred Astren (1996), *Professor in Jewish Studies*. Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley.

Mohammad Azadpur (2003), *Professor in Philosophy*. Ph.D. University of Virginia.

Sanjoy Banerjee (1990), *Professor in International Relations*. Ph.D. Yale University.

Burcu Akan Ellis (2004), *Professor in International Relations*. Ph.D. American University.

Dina A. Ibrahim (2003), *Professor in Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts*. Ph.D. The University of Texas at Austin.

Eran Kaplan (2011), *Professor in Jewish Studies*. Ph.D. Brandeis University.

Santhi Kavuri-Bauer (2003), *Professor in Art*. Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles.

Shirin A. Khanmohamadi (2005), *Professor in Comparative and World Literature*. Ph.D. Columbia University.

Hafez Modirzadeh (1998), *Professor in Music*. Ph.D. Wesleyan University.

Mahmood Monshipouri (2007), *Professor in International Relations*. Ph.D. University of Georgia.

Mohammad Ramadan Salama (2005), *Professor in Modern Languages and Literatures*. Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Lucia Volk (2003), *Professor in International Relations*. Ph.D. Harvard University.

Nicole Watts (2003), *Professor in Political Science*. Ph.D. University of Washington.

## Associate Professor

Mitra Ara (2011), *Associate Professor in Modern Languages and Literatures*. Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley.

Maziar Behrooz (2002), *Associate Professor in History*. C.Phil., Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles.

Christopher Chekuri (2004), *Associate Professor in History*. Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Madison.

## Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor - 18-21 units

A minimum of 6 upper-division units are required to complete the minor.

All coursework used to satisfy the requirements of the minor must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

### Core (9-10 units)

Complete at least nine units in the core by taking one course from Section A, one course from Section B, and a third course from either section. MEIS 300 and MEIS 301 may satisfy either Core Section A or B. Any core class taken beyond the required units can be counted towards the required elective units.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Section A: History and Politics</b>		<b>3-4</b>
HIST 380	Islamic World I: 500-1500	
HIST 381	Islamic World II: 1500 - Present	
I R 324	Middle East and North Africa in International Relations	
I R 335	Muslim Societies in Transnational Perspective	
<b>Section B: Arts and Culture</b>		<b>3</b>
HUM 361/ I R 363	Cultural Expression in Islam	
HUM/ARTH 496	Art, Architecture, and Space in the Islamic World	
PHIL 516	Islamic Philosophy	
<b>Section A or B:</b>		<b>3</b>
MEIS 300	Foundations in Middle East and Islamic Studies	
MEIS 301	Islam: Interpretation and Practice	

## Electives (9-11 units)

In addition to the three core courses above, take a minimum of three additional courses as electives. Courses that are used to satisfy core requirements may not also be used as electives.

is particularly suited for MEIS minors. Please attend OIP's informational sessions and then see a MEIS advisor.

Code	Title	Units
Select at least one course from Part I and at least one course from Part II. The third elective may be taken from either part I or II:		
<b>Part I: History and Politics</b>		
HIST 372	India and the British Empire	3
HIST 380	Islamic World I: 500-1500	3
HIST 381	Islamic World II: 1500 - Present	3
HIST 382	History of Iran and Afghanistan 1500 - Present	3
I R 323	The Persian Gulf in International Relations	4
I R 324	Middle East and North Africa in International Relations	4
I R 335	Muslim Societies in Transnational Perspective	4
JS/I R/PLSI 430	Israeli Democracy: Politics, Institutions, and Society	3
PHIL 436	Islamic Political Philosophy	3
<b>Part II: Arts and Culture</b>		
ARAB 102	Second Semester Arabic	4
ARAB 300	Reading Qur'anic Arabic	3
CWL/HUM 424	Multicultural Middle Ages	3
HEBR 102	Second Semester Modern Hebrew	3
HEBR 201	Third Semester Modern Hebrew	3
HEBR 202	Fourth Semester Modern Hebrew	3
HUM 361/I R 363	Cultural Expression in Islam	3
HUM 375	Biography of a City: United States Cities	3
HUM/JS 379	Jerusalem	3
HUM/ARTH 496	Art, Architecture, and Space in the Islamic World	3
JS 408/CINE 314	Israeli Cinema	3
JS/HUM/PHIL 501	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	3
PHIL 516	Islamic Philosophy	3
PHIL 517		3
PRSN 102	Second Semester Persian	4
PRSN 206	Basic Persian Conversation	3
PRSN/I R 260	History and Cultures of Iran	3
RRS/ARAB 450	Contemporary Arabic and Arab American Literature	3
WGS 565	Muslim Feminisms	3

## Foreign Language Requirement

Students are strongly encouraged to develop proficiency in a Middle Eastern language or a language pertaining to the Islamic world and to commit to more than one semester of language studies. Therefore, second-semester language courses and higher will count towards elective units. Each student will discuss how to incorporate language into their minor during advising sessions.

## Study-Abroad Courses

Students completing the Middle East and Islamic Studies minor are strongly encouraged to participate in study-abroad programs, whether through the CSU system or another approved study abroad program. SF State's bilateral exchange with Koç University in Istanbul