

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Department of Religion and Culture

**MINOR IN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES (MEST)
For Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2022
And for Student Date of Entry under the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Catalog**

Student name: _____
Major: _____ *Term entered VT:* _____
Expect to graduate: _____

The Minor in Middle East Studies emphasizes a breadth of subjects pertaining to the Middle East and requires completion of 18 semester hours as follows:

I. Three Required Courses

_____ RLCL 2324: Islam (3 credits)

One of the following:

_____ HIST 2345: History of the Middle East (3 credits)

_____ HIST 2346: History of the Middle East (3 credits)

One of the following:

_____ ARBC 1105: Elementary Arabic (3 credits)

_____ ARBC 1106: Elementary Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1105; 3 credits)

_____ ARBC 2105: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1106; 3 credits)

_____ ARBC 2106: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2105; 3 credits)

_____ ARBC 3105: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2106; 3 credits)

_____ ARBC 3106: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 3105; 3 credits)

_____ ARBC 3474: Topics in Arab Cinema (3 credits)

_____ HEB/JUD 1104: Hebrew I (3 credits)

_____ HEB/JUD 1114: Accelerated Elementary Hebrew Language (Pre: JUD/HEB 1104; 3 credits)

II. Three Elective Courses (two of which must be at the 3000 level or above). Only one elective can be a language class. ^

Religion and Culture

_____ RLCL 1024: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (3 credits)

_____ RLCL 1024H: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (3 credits)

_____ RLCL 3014 (WGS 3014): Women and Gender in Islam (3 credits)

_____ RLCL 3504 (HUM 3504; HIST 3504): The Age of the Crusades (3 credits)

_____ RLCL 3604: Islam and the Modern World (3 credits)

History

_____ *HIST 2345: History of the Middle East (3 credits)

_____ *HIST 2346: History of the Middle East (3 credits)

_____ HIST 3654: The Arab-Israeli Dispute (3 credits)

Foreign Languages and Literatures

_____ *ARBC 1105: Elementary Arabic (3 credits)

- _____ *ARBC 1106: Elementary Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1105; 3 credits)
- _____ *ARBC 2105: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1106; 3 credits)
- _____ *ARBC 2106: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2105; 3 credits)
- _____ *ARBC 2774: Arabic Culture and Civilization
- _____ *ARBC 3105: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2106; 3 credits)
- _____ *ARBC 3106: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 3105; 3 credits)
- _____ *ARBC 3304: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (3 credits)
- _____ *ARBC 3474: Topics in Arab Cinema (3 credits)
- _____ *HEB/JUD 1104: Hebrew I (3 credits)
- _____ *HEB/JUD 1114: Accelerated Elementary Hebrew Language (Pre: JUD/HEB 1104; 3 credits)

School of Visual Arts

- _____ ART 3054: Islamic Art and Architecture

Political Science

- _____ JUD/PSCI 3544: The State of Israel: A Political History (Pre: PSCI 1024 or JUD 2134; 3 credits)

Government and International Affairs

- _____ GIA 5314: Middle East Geopolitics (3 credits)
- _____ GIA/PSCI 5614 (HIST 5544): Understanding the Israeli Palestinian Conflict (3 credits).

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

^ ARBC: 1105, 1106, 2105, 2106, 3105, 3106, and HEB/JUD 1104, 1114 count as language classes.

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, 203 Major Williams, rmscott@vt.edu, 540-231-4848.