

# MIDDLE EAST STUDIES PROGRAM

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This interdisciplinary minor offers undergraduate students in any major the opportunity to demonstrate competency in the study of the Middle East.

The Middle East Studies minor provides students with an in-depth and substantive exposure to the politics, society, and religions of the Middle East through a variety of humanities and social sciences approaches, and through study of at least one major regional language. The minor helps DU undergraduates pursuing any major to develop deeper and more nuanced understandings of the Middle East, which they can use for careers in government, non-governmental organizations, business, and education.

This minor offers: 1) a range of courses taught by recognized experts in their fields 2) an inter-disciplinary approach which gives students a three-dimensional view of the region 3) language training and proficiency that prepares students for a global future.

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## Minor Requirements

20 credits including the following:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Language Sequence <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>8</b>
ARAB 2002 & ARAB 2100	Intermediate Arabic and Conversation & Composition	
or		
HEBR 2002 & HEBR 2003	Intermediate Hebrew and Intermediate Hebrew <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Three content courses: <sup>3</sup></b>		<b>12</b>
Content course listing (may change depending on instructor availability; not all courses offered every year; please check with major advisor if you find a course not listed here that should count toward the minor)		
ARTH 3300	Seminar in Art History (Content course listing (exact courses may change depending on instructor interest/availability; not all courses offered every year))	
ARTH 3880	Mosques and Aniconism: Islamic Art and Architecture 650-1250	
ARTH 3881	Dragons and Sultans: Islamic Art and Architecture 1250-1600	
ENGL 2742	Modern Hebrew Literature in Translation: Against All Odds	
ENGL 3405	Postmodern Visions of Israel	
HEBR 2745	Israeli Television and Cinema: Representing Cultural Diversity in Israeli Life	
HEBR 3010	Aspects of Modern Hebrew: Readings, Films, Songs, and Discussion	
HIST 1600	Jews in the Islamic World, 632 C.E. - 1948 C.E.	
HIST 3620	United States Involvement in the Persian Gulf, 1933-Present	
HIST 2030	Ancient Near East	
RLGS 2111	Islam and United States Politics	
RLGS 3505	Gender and Politics in Muslim Pop Cultures	
JUST 2370	Multicultural Israel: Food, Film and Beyond	
JUST 2380	Multicultural Israel through Popular Music	
JUST 2745	Israeli Television and Cinema: Representing Cultural Diversity in Israeli Life	
INTS 2430	History of the Middle East	
INTS 3020	Introduction to Middle East and Islamic Politics	
JUST 2350	Israeli Culture Through Film: Society, Ethnicity, and Inter-Cultural Discourse	
JUST 2360	Israeli Society Through Film: Narratives of the Holocaust, War and Terror in Israeli Life	

**Total Credits**

**20**

- <sup>1</sup> Students who demonstrate proficiency in Arabic or Hebrew to the 2100/2003 level will have the language course requirements waived, and instead will take five content courses.
- <sup>2</sup> Students pursuing this minor and the Judaic Studies minor *must* choose the JUST minor *without* the Hebrew emphasis, if they are using Hebrew for both minors. The second-year Hebrew requirement cannot be double-counted for the Middle Eastern Studies minor and the Judaic Studies minor with Hebrew emphasis
- <sup>3</sup> Students must take content courses in at least two departments/schools. (e.g., they cannot take all three courses from HIST.) Students can transfer up to 10 credit hours from appropriate study abroad courses into the minor. No more than 4 credit hours may be taken at the 1000 level.