

Middle East Studies (Minor)

The Middle East Studies Minor complements majors in all disciplines, including the sciences, humanities, business, and engineering by providing an interdisciplinary study of a vibrant and critical region of the world. It provides students with an in-depth understanding of the region, its languages, peoples, histories, and cultures. The minor enhances student employment opportunities in both public and private sectors. It also facilitates the development of skills necessary to work and live successfully in the Middle East. Study Abroad and internship programs in the Middle East are offered to encourage and support student engagement in the region. Students can tailor the Minor to suit their individual interests. No courses for the minor may be taken for S/U credit.

As part of the minor, students are strongly encouraged to participate in Study Abroad Program in the Middle East; however, this is not required.

Admissions

To be admitted to the program, a student must have a GPA of at least 2.0. Application for admission to any University minor program is now available via MyPack Portal. Admission will be based upon the student's academic record, and in most cases no longer requires departmental review. Go to the Add a Minor (<https://studentservices.ncsu.edu/your-degree/coda-home/add-a-minor/>) page to apply. (Students may declare the minor when they are enrolled in a class that counts toward the minor.)

Certification

Students should declare the minor as soon as they have completed the first course for the minor, and complete their course work according to their minor degree audit, and the plan requirements. Students can monitor their progress toward completing the minor by viewing their Minor Degree Audit online, anytime, in MyPack Portal. Questions regarding unmet course requirements on the Minor Degree Audit (indicated by a red 'X') should be directed to the Minor Coordinator, below. Students contact the Director of Undergraduate Advising (<https://wlc.chass.ncsu.edu/about/contact-us/>), once they have completed all of their courses for the minor, or during the registration period for the student's final semester at NC State, in order to complete the final certification of the minor. Students will receive official recognition on their transcripts for the completed minor.

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Plan Requirements

- Completion of 15 credit hours as required.
- 9 Credit hours must be taken at NC State and a maximum of six (6) credit hours may be transferred into the minor from another institution.
- A maximum of TWO (2) courses may double-count between major departmental requirements and courses counting toward the minor.

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- A minimum of C- is required for all courses.
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Code	Title	Hours
Required Course		
Select one of the following 201-level Middle Eastern language courses: ¹		3
WLAR 201	Intermediate Arabic I	
WLPE 201	Intermediate Persian I	
Elective Courses		
Select four of the following:		12
ANT 345	Anthropology of the Middle East	
ANT 395	Special Topics in Anthropology (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)	
HI 207	Ancient Mediterranean World	
HI 270	Modern Middle East	
HI 307	Jewish History	
HI 370	Modern Egypt	
HI 400	Civilization of the Ancient Near East	
HI 407	Islamic History to 1798	
HI 408	Islam in the Modern World	
HI 419	Modern European Imperialism	
HI 454/554	History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1900-Present	
HI 465	Oil and Crisis in the Gulf	
HI 466	History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	
HI 477	Women in the Middle East	
HI 491	Seminar in History (topic must be related to Middle East and approved by Program Administrator)	
HI 498	Independent Study in History (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)	
WLAR 202	Intermediate Arabic II	
WLAR 301	Advanced Intermediate Arabic I	
WLAR 320	Arabic for Professional Purposes	
WLAR 330	Media Arabic	
WLAR 440	Modern Arabic Short Story	
WL 492	Senior Seminar in World Languages & Cultures	
WLAR 318	Egyptian Culture through Film	
WLAR 351	Modern Arab Popular Culture	
WLFR 425	Literature, Cinema and Culture of the Francophone World	
WL 295	Special Topics in World Languages and Cultures	
WL 495	Special Topics in World Languages & Cultures	
WL 498	Independent Study in World Languages & Cultures	
WLPE 202	Intermediate Persian II	
PS 236	Issues in Global Politics	
PS 345	Governments and Politics in the Middle East	
REL 210	Religious Traditions of the World	
REL 311	Introduction to the Old Testament	
REL 340	Islam	
REL 350	Judaism	
REL 407	Islamic History to 1798	

REL 408	Islam in the Modern World
REL 482	Religion and Conflict
REL 498	Special Topics in Religious Studies (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)
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Total Hours	15

¹ Demonstrated 201 equivalency in Turkish or Hebrew (not currently taught at NCSU, but transfer credit and/or proficiency may be applied as determined by the Middle East Studies minor advisor).

Important Notes regarding the required language course:

- Most students will need to take the 101/102 series of language courses prior to their enrollment in the required 201 course, and should plan their schedules accordingly.
- The Student may waive the Language Course requirement by showing proficiency at the 201 level in a Middle Eastern language. Please contact the Middle East Studies minor advisor to make an appointment for the proficiency test.
- Related language courses taken at NCSU above the 201 level may be counted as elective courses for the Middle East Studies minor.

Notes:

- Students are required to obtain the approval of the minor advisor for special topics courses before enrolling in such courses.
- Middle East language courses that are above 201 can also be counted as part of the 12 credit hour requirement.
- Courses taken as part of the 12 elective credits must be from 2 or more different departments.