
Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations

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This minor concentrates on social and political issues involving Muslim, Christian and Jewish populations in their own right and in relation to one another in the territory between the Nile and Indus rivers during the modern period. The program is also designed to accommodate consideration of other communities including Hindu and other South Asians, Anatolian and Central Asian Turks, and Mediterranean peoples in the larger area stretching from North Africa to Southeast Asia as well as Middle Eastern diaspora communities in Europe and the Americas from the ancient period to the present.

The cross disciplinary orientation of the program emphasizes comparison and a synthesis of local, regional, trans-national and global perspectives. The program provides an intellectual foundation that can be usefully applied and built upon in graduate school, the private sector or government service.

Students are required to take 18 credits comprised of six credits of core course work and 12 credits of electives.

Core Courses

Choose two:

[HUM 252](#). Islamic Civilization²

[HIST 269](#). Premodern Middle East²

[HIST 270](#). The Modern Middle East³

Choose any of the following to fulfill the remaining 12 credits
Regular Offerings

Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures¹

[ARAB 101](#). First Semester Arabic²

[ARAB 102](#). Second Semester Arabic³

[ARAB 111](#). Intensive Arabic⁴

[ARAB 212](#). Intensive Arabic II⁴

[ARAB 231](#). Third Semester Arabic²

[ARAB 232](#). Fourth Semester Arabic³

Credit Hours

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FL 490 . Special Studies in Foreign Languages ⁸	1-4
HUM 252 . Turkey: Meeting of East and West	3
PERS 101 . First Semester Persian ²	4
PERS 102 . Second Semester Persian ³	4
PERS 231 . Third Semester Persian ²	4
PERS 232 . Fourth Semester Persian ³	4
School of Art, Design and Art History	
ARTH 332 . Islamic Art and Architecture ⁷	3
ARTH 424 . Arts of Ancient Egypt ⁷	3
ARTH 439 . Medieval Jerusalem ²	3
ARTH 446 . Renaissance Art and the East ⁷	3
Department of Anthropology and Sociology	
SOCI 342 . Muslim Movements in the Middle East	3
Department of History	
HIST 269 . Premodern Middle East ²	3
HIST 270 . The Modern Middle East ³	3
HIST 372 . Afghanistan in Regional and Global Systems ⁷	3
HIST 473 . Early Modern Islamic Empires ⁷	3
HIST 485 . Colonialism in the Middle East and South Asia ⁷	3
Department of Philosophy and Religion	
REL 201 . Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament ⁵	3
REL 202 . Introduction to the New Testament ⁵	3
REL 305 . Islamic Religious Tradition ⁶	3
REL 320 . Judaism ⁶	3
REL 350 . Islamic Law ⁷	3
HEBR/REL 131–132 . Elementary Biblical Hebrew ⁷	4
HEBR/REL 231–232 . Intermediate Biblical Hebrew ⁷	4
Department of Political Science	
POSC 354 . Politics of the Modern Middle East ²	3
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Additional Courses

The following three-credit courses are offered at varying intervals and can count toward the MECM minor if they are structured to include substantial content relating to the foci and goals of the program. Contact the program coordinator to apply one of these courses to the MECM minor.

Additional Courses	Credit Hours
Department of Anthropology and Sociology	
ANTH 313 . Processes of Social and Cultural Change	3
ANTH 373 . Anthropological Perspectives on Environment and Development	3
SOCI 311 . Sociology of the Environment	3

SOCI 321 . Politics and Society	3
SOCI 348 . Introduction to Developing Societies	3
SOCI 360 . Social Movements	3
School of Art, Design and Art History	
ARTH 419 . Topics in African Art	3
Department of English	
ENG 430 . Studies in Comparative Literature	3
Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures	
ARAB 330 . Business Arabic	3
ARAB 339 . Special Topics in Arabic Literature (Islamic World 600–1500)	
ARAB 340 . Intermediate Arabic Conversation	3
ARAB 400 . Arabic Advanced Conversation	3
ARAB 447 . Special Topics in Arabic Civilization and Culture	3
ARAB 448 . Special Topics in Arabic Linguistics: Adv. Arabic Grammar	3
Department of Political Science	
POSC 340 . Political Development in the Third World	3
POSC 361 . Topics in International Relations	3
POSC 371 . Topics in Comparative Politics	3
Department of Philosophy and Religion	
REL 300 . Selected Topics in Religion ⁸	3
REL 309 . Jihad in Islamic Traditions ⁷	3

1 No more than nine credits of foreign language course work can be used toward minor requirements.

2 Offered every fall semester.

3 Offered every spring semester.

4 Offered May–June summer term only.

5 Offered every third semester.

6 Offered fall or spring semester.

7 Offered every two years.

8 Offered every fall and spring.

Additional Information

The College of Arts and Letters departments offer a number of courses listed generically, usually at the 300– and 400–level (including disciplinary capstone and methodology courses, often numbered 395) that can also count toward the MECM minor under certain circumstances.