MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR

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The Middle East Studies Minor (MESM) introduces students to the history, culture, and politics of the Middle East since the emergence of Islam. MESM balances coursework in the contemporary period with exposure to the pre-twentieth-century political, intellectual, and religious experience of the region, its ethnic and religious make-up, and the rich culture that these together engendered.

To make an appointment to explore or declare a minor, go to http://arhu.umd.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/minors/.

REQUIREMENTS

The Minor in Middle Eastern Studies requires 15-18 credits (5 courses; some language courses carry more than 3 credit hours per course). Coursework must be distributed to meet the overlapping requirements below. (For example, HIST120: Islamic Civilization can be used to meet both the pre-modern requirement and the Arab world requirement, but does not count doubly in terms of credit.)

Course	Title	Credits
Area Distribution		
Select at least one course in each of two of the following Area categories: [1]		6
The Arab world		
Iran and the Persian/Iranian world		
(Middle Eastern) Jewish and Israel		
Turkish and Ottoman		
Middle Eastern Diasporas and All Middle East		
Pre-Modern		
Select at least two courses that focus on the pre-modern period (the 7th century through the 19th century) [2]		6
Electives		
Select one course from the list of approved Middle East Studies courses [3]		3
Total Credits		**15**

1. Other areas of concentration may be considered and require the director's approval.
2. Students may fulfill this requirement through their area distribution or elective courses.
3. A language course of 3 or more credits may be used to satisfy this requirement. Advanced Arabic, Persian, Hebrew, or Turkish language courses that are content courses rather than grammar-based can be used for the Elective category or count toward Area Distribution and/or Pre-Modern, depending on subject matter.

Additional Requirements

- A minimum of 3 courses (9 credits) must be at the upper level (3xx- or 4xx-level).
- All credits must be earned with a grade of "C-" or above (no Pass/Fail option).
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.
- A list of qualifying courses in each category is available from the academic advisor of the minor and on MESM's webpage.
- Only one 1xx or 2xx-level or grammar based course in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish may be credited toward the Minor.
- At least six credits of 3xx or 4xx-level credit must be taken at the University of Maryland.
- No more than six credits may be taken at an institution other than Maryland.
- A maximum of two courses can count towards both the major and the minor.
- Courses cannot count towards multiple minors.