Middle East Studies (16MLESTM)

Description

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.

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 be used (double-counted) towards both departmental major requirements and minor requirements.
- A minimum of C- is required for all courses.
- No courses for the minor may be taken for S/U credit.

Required Courses (3 credit hours)

One of the following 201-level Middle Eastern language courses must be completed:

- FLA 201-Intermediate Arabic I
- PER 201-Intermediate Persian I
- 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.

Elective Courses (12 credit hours)

Students are required to obtain the approval of the minor advisor for special topics courses before enrolling in such courses.
12 hours—Select four (4) courses from among:

- ANT 395 Special Topics in Anthropology (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)
- HI 207 Ancient World to 180 AD
- HI 270 Modern Middle East
- HI 370 Modern Egypt
- HI 400 Civilizations of the Ancient Near East
- HI 419 Modern European Imperialism
- HI 465 Oil and Crisis in the Gulf
- HI 466 History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
- HI 477 Women in the Middle East
- HI 454/554 History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1900-Present
- HI 491 Senior Seminar on topics related to the Middle East (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)
- FLA 202 Intermediate Arabic
- FLA 301 Advanced Intermediate Arabic I
- FLA 330 Media Arabic
- FLF 425 Literature, Cinema and Culture of the Francophone World
- FL 295 Special Topics in Foreign Languages and/or Literatures (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)
- FL 498 Special Topics in Foreign Languages and/or Literatures (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)
- PER 202 Intermediate Persian II
- PS 345 Governments and Politics in the Middle East
- REL 300 Religious Traditions of the World
- REL 311 Introduction to the Old Testament
- REL 340 Islam
- REL 350 Introduction to Judaism
- REL 407 Islamic History to 1798
- REL 408 Islam in the Modern World
- REL 482 Religion and Conflict
- REL 498 Special Topics in Religion (appropriate Middle East offerings per approval of the minor advisor)
- FL 495 Special Topics in Foreign Languages and/or Literatures (appropriate language offerings per approval of the minor advisor)

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 are above 201 can also be counted as part of the 12 credit hour requirement.
- Courses taken as part of the 12 credit hour requirement must be from 2 or more different department.

Admissions and Certification of Minor

Jodi Stewart Khater will be responsible for advising students in the Middle East Studies Minor. Students must submit an "Application for Minor" form to Jodi Stewart Khater, the Program Administrator, at any time prior to the end of the pre-registration period of the student’s final semester. Prior to the end of the first week of the student’s final semester, the students must sign the application form, indicating all grades received for the courses completed in the minor program and courses to be taken during the student’s final semester.

Contact Person