

Minor

Middle Eastern Studies

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The minor in Middle Eastern studies focuses upon the study of several aspects of Middle Eastern culture, language, politics, geography, and history. The minor consists of 15 hours of course work. Students can elect Track I, which would include as a prerequisite three hours of 202-level Arabic, French, Hebrew, Farsi or any other language used in research in the region; this course is not included in the grade point average for the minor. Languages such as Armenian and Turkish could meet this requirement upon the taking of a proficiency examination. Students can also choose Track II, which is a non-language option.

Requirements

All students must take one core course from the following: GEOG 455 The Middle East or POLS 466 Politics of the Middle East.

The remaining nine hours for Track I or 12 hours for Track II can be taken from the following list of courses:

COMM 337	Model League of Arab States	3
COMM/MIDE 405	Communication and Culture in the Middle East	3
MIDE 395	Topics in Middle Eastern Studies	3
MIDE 495	Topics in Middle Eastern Studies	3
SOC 353	Sociology of the Middle East	3
ARAB 311	Advanced Arabic Language and Culture I	3
ARAB 312	Advanced Arabic Language and Culture II	3
ARAB 395	Topics in Arabic	1-6
REL 311	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	3
REL 312	New Testament	3
REL 315	Qur'an	3
REL 350	Judaism	3
REL 351	Christianity	3
REL 352	Islam	3
HIST 396	Topics in History	1-3

Courses not taken to satisfy the core requirement, topics courses offered in addition to the courses listed above, which focus upon the Middle East, and credit earned by studying abroad in the Middle East may also be included in the minor requirements. An internship taken in the Middle East or related to organizations that focus on the Middle East may also count within the minor.

For completion of the minor, a student must have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all courses specified as a requirement for the minor exclusive of lower-level courses and prerequisite courses and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University. For further information, contact the director of the Middle Eastern Studies minor at 683-3835 or at fhassenc@odu.edu.