THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Department of International and Area Studies

Requirements for a minor in
Middle Eastern Studies – 0309B

General Requirements

At least 6 credit hours must be earned in courses acceptable for residence credit by standards set forth by the Department of International and Area Studies, excluding transfer, correspondence, and examination (AP, CLEP, Advanced Standing) credit. Courses for the minor may not be taken Pass/No Pass.

Specific Requirements

Students must successfully complete at least 15 hours of coursework in Middle Eastern Area Studies, including at least 9 hours at the upper-division level. The following specific requirements must be met:

1. Language (3 hours) – Third semester foreign language:
   - ARAB 2113
   - HEBR 2113

2. Social Sciences (6 hours) - Two courses selected from the following:
   - COMM: 2003 Communication in Nonwestern Culture; 3513 Intercultural Communication; 4513 International Communication
   - ECON: 4823 Intro to Comparative Economic Systems; 4853 World Economic Development
   - GEOG: 2603 World Regional Geography
   - HSCI: 3453 Science and Civilization in Islam
   - IAS: 2413 Islam; 2603 Governments Around the World; 3003 Topics in International and Area Studies (content based on Middle East); 3423 Politics and Society in Iraq; 3433 International Relations of the Middle East; 3443 Political Islam; 3473 The Arab-Israeli Conflict; 3483 Shi’a Islam: History, Memory & Protest in Middle East
   - PSC: 2603 Governments Around the World; 3600 (content based on Middle East); 3663 Politics of the Middle East
   - RELS: 2303 Islamic Religious Tradition; 2503 Introduction to Islam; 2903 Introductory Topics in Judaic Religious Tradition; 2923 Introductory Topics in Islamic Religious Tradition; 3533 The Qur’an; 3543 Islamic Law; 3563 Islamic Theology; 3903 Topics in the Judaic Religious Tradition; 3923 Topics in Islamic Religious Tradition

3. Arts and Humanities (6 hours) – Two courses selected from the following:
   - AHI: 3263 Survey of Byzantine Art and Architecture; 4273 Byzantine Icons
   - ARCH: 4183 Survey of Middle Eastern Architecture; 4970 (content based on Middle East)
   - HIST: 2013 Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations; 2683 Intro to Islam; 3113 The Crusades; 3293 Antisemitism; 3313 Israeli Culture through Film; 3413 Ancient Israel; 3500 (Topic: Historical Study of Religion); 3683 Jewish Mysticism; 3893 Culture and Society in the Middle East; 3950 Topics in Middle Eastern History; 3953 The Modern Middle East; 3963 Rebirth of Israel; 3973 Judaism History; 3983 Medieval Jewish History; 3993 Evolution of Martyrdom in the Judeo-Christian Civilization; 4973 (content based on Middle East); 4990 (content based on Middle East)
   - IAS/MLLL: 3453 The World of the Arabian Nights; 3463 Arab Culture and Society Through Modern Fiction
   - MLLL: 3000 Literature in Translation (content based on Middle East); 3063 Survey of Jewish Literature from Antiquity to the Present; 3073 The Hebrew Bible as Literature; 3413 Arabic Literature and Culture; 3423 Western Visions of the East/12th-21st Century
   - MUNM: 3113 Intro to World Music; 3613 Middle Eastern Music
All courses listed above are approved for Middle Eastern Studies, though not all courses have been approved for General Education credit. Courses not listed above may be substituted with the approval of the Middle Eastern Studies coordinator.

Students are encouraged to study abroad in the Middle East. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor requirements, though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.

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No single course may be used by a student to satisfy a major requirement and a minor requirement. A course may be used, however, to satisfy both a major support requirement and a minor requirement. Requests to substitute a minor requirement must be approved in writing by the Middle Eastern Studies coordinator.

The requirements for a minor must be completed concurrently with the major degree requirements. No minor may be added by completing courses after receiving the bachelor’s degree. Minors in IAS are available to all undergraduate students at OU. If the minor is officially declared, successfully completed, and noted on the graduation application, the student’s transcript will so indicate at the time the bachelor’s degree is posted.