

The Middle Eastern Studies Program at California State University, Long Beach

began in 2002, encouraging students to acquire a broad and interconnected understanding of the dynamics of Middle Eastern societies, cultures, and histories by taking courses in a variety of disciplines including History, Arabic language, Political Science, Geography, Literature, Art History, International Business, and Religious Studies.

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GIVING TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES PROGRAM

Private support is crucial to growing Middle Eastern Studies into a thriving program at CSULB. Since its inception in 2002, public financial support for the program, which aims to bring academic and cultural events to campus, has decreased substantially. Therefore, private support is becoming increasingly important in maintaining and further developing the program at CSULB. In addition to the minor, the program has been active in bringing to campus renowned scholars to speak on issues of historical and contemporary significance in today's world, in which the Middle East plays such a vital role. It has also continued to promote cultural understanding by inviting Arab and Iranian authors, poets, and musicians, as well as screening films from Turkey, Iran, and North Africa.

Donations will support the program's ongoing activities and expansion by assuring that it can continue to fund its events and contribute to deeper understanding of the Middle East.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Middle Eastern Studies Program, please contact the Director, Dr. Hourii Berberian, at Hourii.Berberian@csulb.edu.



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WHY SHOULD YOU DO A MINOR IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES?

A minor in Middle Eastern Studies will help you to understand the region that seems to confound most people who merely watch the headlines and shake their heads.

With a minor in Middle Eastern Studies, you can be the one who can make sense of the headlines, the most recent developments, the people involved, and the history and culture of the region. You can be the one nodding your head in understanding. You might even be the one to offer the shaking heads some of your knowledge and wisdom.



HOW WILL A MINOR IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES BE USEFUL TO YOU?

If you are planning a career in politics and government, business, education, international organizations, journalism, and art; if you are considering further study in a number of academic fields at the graduate level; or, if you simply seek a better understanding of the Middle East and Islam, the multidisciplinary Middle Eastern Studies Minor is for you!

THE MINOR IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

Program Requirements

Core

Minimum of twelve (12) units:

At least three (3) units must be in History of the Middle East (History 431 or History 432) and at least four (4) units in Arabic.

(Note: Other languages of the Middle East may be substituted with the approval of the director of the program.)

Arabic

- ARAB 101A: Fundamentals of Arabic (4 units)
- ARAB 101B: Fundamentals of Arabic (4 units)
- ARAB 201A: Intermediate Arabic (4 units)
- ARAB 201B: Intermediate Arabic (4 units)
- ARAB 250: Arabic for Arabic Speakers (6 units)

History

- HIST 416/516: Central Asia and Afghanistan from Mongol Era to WWI
- HIST 418/518: Central Asia and Afghanistan, Twentieth Century
- HIST 431/531: Middle East (Southwest Asia), 600-1700
- HIST 432/532: Middle East (Southwest Asia), 1700-Present

Political Science POSC 367: Governments and Politics of the Middle East

Religious Studies R/ST 331: Islamic Religion and Culture of the Middle East

Electives

Minimum of six (6) additional units, selected with an advisor, from the core courses above and the following courses (without repeating courses from the core).

- Art History** AH 116: Foundation Art History: Art of Islamic Regions
- AH 465/565: Ancient Art of the Near East

Comparative World Literature

- CWL 104: Literature and Culture of the Middle East
- CWL 402/502: Studies in Middle Eastern Literature and Culture

Geography

- GEOG 309I: Middle East and North Africa

History

- HIST 393: Jews of the Modern Middle East
- HIST 394: Middle Eastern Women
- HIST 417/517: Minorities of the Middle East, Caucasus, and Central Asia
- HIST 428: History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Three (3) of these elective units may be taken from the following courses, which have a global and comparative perspective, without repeating courses from the core:

College of Business Administration CBA300: International Business

Child Development and Family Services CDFS 410: International Families-Families in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

History HIST 495: Selected Topics (only topics relevant to the minor will be accepted)

Religious Studies R/ST102: Introduction to World Religions (Early and Western)

Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies WGSS401I: Bodies and Borders

