

Central Eurasian Studies Minor

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Sponsoring Department: International Studies

This interdisciplinary area studies minor within the international studies program seeks to offer students a broad background in the languages, history, politics, and cultures of Central Eurasia. It draws on the existing strengths of a number of departments and faculty members at The College of New Jersey. The minor program consists of five courses plus a language requirement.

Requirements:

- Two of the following course units:
 - HIS 341: Islam: Muhammed to the Ottomans
 - HIS 344: Commerce and Exchange of Ideas
 - HIS 349: The Soviet Union
- Three elective courses chosen by the student from the list of Recommended Courses or by advisement.
- Students must complete at least one course at the 200 level in Russian, Arabic, or another Central Eurasian language, or demonstrate equivalent proficiency through a language exam (intermediate low as defined in the ACTFL guidelines).

Three of the five courses required for the minor (outside of the language requirement) must represent different academic disciplines. Three of the five courses also must be at the 300-level or above.

Recommended Courses:

AAH 212: Arts of the Islamic World
AAH 312: Arts of Iran
ECO 345: Comparative Economic Systems
HIS 130: Topics: Asia/Eurasia/Middle East (with appropriate topic)
HIS 141: Modern Iranian Film and History
HIS 302: Hellenistic World
HIS 330: Topics: Asia/Eurasia/Middle East (with appropriate topic)
HIS 331: Silk and Religion
HIS 341: The Islamic World
HIS 342: Modern Middle East
HIS 343: Early Iranian Nomads
HIS 347: Siberia
HIS 348: Imperial Russia, 1584-1917

- HIS 454: Readings Seminar in History: Modern Eurasia
- HIS 455: Readings Seminar in History: Early Eurasia
- HON 230: Islam in Comparative Perspective
- LIT 336: Nomads, Warriors, Poets: Literature of Central Eurasia
- POL 250: Politics and Society in Developing Countries
- POL 352: Comparative Politics of Development
- POL 357: Middle East Politics
- POL 370: Topics in Political Science (Islam and Politics)
- POL 380: International Political Economy
- POL 390: Tutorial in Political Science (with appropriate topic)
- REL 113: Islam and Islamic Thought