

## **Middle East Studies Minor**

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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 the Middle East. 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:**

- One of the following:
  - HIS 341: Islamic History from Muhammad to the Ottomans
  - HIS 342: The Modern Middle East
- One of the following:
  - INT 361: The Middle East through Literature and Film
  - POL 357: Politics in the Middle East
  - POL 362: Islam and Politics
  - POL 370: Topics in Political Science (Islam and Politics)
- 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 Arabic or another Middle Eastern language or demonstrate equivalent proficiency through a language exam (intermediate low as defined in the ACTFL guidelines).

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

### **Recommended courses:**

AAH 212: Arts of the Islamic World

ANT/ARA 245: Modern Arabic Society in the Media

ECO 210: History of Economic Thought

ECO 335: Economics of Development\*

ECO 340: International Economics\*\*

HIS 130: Topics: Asia/Eurasia/Middle East (with appropriate topic)

HIS 330: Topics: Asia/Eurasia/Mid East (with appropriate topic)

HIS 341: Islam: Muhammad to the Ottomans

HIS 342: Modern Middle East

HIS 452: Readings Seminar in History: Modern Middle East

HIS 453: Readings Seminar in History: Early Middle East

HON 230: Islam in Comparative Perspective

POL 250: Politics and Society in Developing Countries

POL 352/INT 360: Comparative Political Economy of Development

POL 355/INT 355: Political Economy of Natural Resources

POL 357: Middle East Politics

POL 380: International Political Economy

POL 390: Tutorial: Violence, Civil War, Revolution

REL 113: Islam and Islamic Thought

SOC 370: Sociology of Islam

*\*Prerequisite:* ECO 101: Microeconomics

*\*\*Prerequisite:* ECO 102: Principles of Macroeconomics