

## **Middle Eastern Studies minor**

**5** courses, including 3 required foundation courses and 2 electives

The interdisciplinary minor invites students to explore the links between the Arabic language, the history, and the politics of the Middle Eastern region and nearby nations. Through a series of core classes plus electives in multiple departments, students gain an understanding of the cultural complexities and relations between countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Israel, and Egypt, but also Algeria and Pakistan. With its interdisciplinary focus on the history and cultures of the Middle East, the minor invites students to gain insights into a region that is often at the center of contemporary discussions related to, among others, diplomacy, immigration, trade, and religion. The minor complements a wide array of majors, such as history, anthropology, sociology, economics, and international or comparative politics, and prepares students for graduate work and careers in any of these fields and professional careers in education, business, government, politics, foreign service, law, and journalism, among others. Five (5) units in the following distribution are required for the minor—with no more than a total of 2 courses in any one discipline.

**Foundation courses (3)**: One each in AB, HI, and GOV

AB 101, 102

HI 263, 264, 356

GOV 241, 250\*, 267

\* GOV 250 can be substituted with RE 205 as they are cross-listed.

**Electives (2)**: Two additional units must be taken from the list of classes below.

### **Course offerings in Middle Eastern Studies**

#### **Arabic**

AB 101: Introductory Arabic I

AB 102: Introductory Arabic II

Or any other AB course

#### **Art History**

AH 220: Islamic Art and Archeology

AH 223: City and Empire: Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archeology

#### **Anthropology**

AN 201: Comparative Cultures

#### **English**

EN 314: Decolonizing the Mind

**French**

FR 242: Francophone Civilization

**Government and Politics**

GOV 241: History and Politics of Israel

GOV 250: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (cross-listed with RE 205)

GOV 251: International Politics

GOV 267: US Foreign Policy in the Middle East

**History**

HI 253: The World of the Crusades

HI 263: Islam in Historical Perspective

HI 264: History of Islam

HI 269: France and the Francophone World

HI 356: Middle Eastern History and Politics

**Philosophy and Religion**

RE 205: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (cross-listed with GOV 250)

**Sociology**

SO 306: Crossing Borders: Immigration and American Identities

Students may petition to the chair of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures for another course, including Special Topics courses, Expanding Your Horizons, or transfer credits for courses in a language spoken in the region (including Hebrew, Farsi, Turkish, among others), to count towards the minor. Independent Study or Internship Credit is also possible (requires prior approval from the chair of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures).