Middle East Studies, Minor

Requirements

Department of Philosophy

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The Minor in Middle East Studies is a broad, interdisciplinary program designed to provide students from all disciplines with an introductory foundation of knowledge about different subjects related to the Middle East. Students will select from a variety of courses offered throughout the university that study the linguistic, social, cultural, artistic, literary, historical, political and economic factors that define this region of the world. Upon completion of the minor, students will be able to communicate in one of the languages spoken in the region, have a broad contextual understanding of the region, and be afforded the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge in one or more areas of study related to the region. The minor is composed of 21-23 units. These include 3 units of a required lower-division introductory course MES 10; 6-8 units of lower-division courses in Middle Eastern languages selected from Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew, and Persian; and 12 upper-division units selected from courses offered by the departments participating in this program. Courses taken for the minor may count toward fulfilling General Education requirements, but not toward fulfilling the student's major. Students in the minor must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Required Course (3 units)
MES 10 (fulfills G.E. Area D3)

Lower-division Language Requirement (6-8 units)
Select from: ARAB 1A-ARAB 1B; ARM 1A-ARM 1B; HEBR 1A-HEBR 1B; PERS 1A-PERS 1B (some courses fulfill G.E. Area C2)

Electives (select 4 courses) (12 units)
ANTH 135; ECON 183; ENGL 179, ENGL 193T; HIST 107, HIST 109T, HIST 110; MUSIC 171; PHIL 139, PHIL 158; PLSI 144T; SSCI 150T

Total (21-23 units)

Other courses can be used to fulfill electives upon approval by minor adviser.

Faculty

The department has a diverse and well-trained faculty with special interests ranging from logic and scientific method to existentialism and philosophy of religion. All members of the department share the conviction that the best way to teach philosophy is through an intense but sympathetic interchange between the teacher and the student.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages. The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.