MINOR IN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES (MEST)
For Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2019

Student name: ____________________________ Student number: ____________________________
Major: ____________________________ Term entered VT: ____________________________
Expect to graduate: ____________________________ E-mail address: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

The Minor in Middle East Studies emphasizes a breadth of subjects pertaining to the Middle East and requires completion of 18 semester hours as follows:

I. Three Required Courses
   — RLCL 2324: Islam (3 credits)

   One of the following:
   — HIST 2345: History of the Middle East (3 credits)
   — HIST 2346: History of the Middle East (3 credits)

   One of the following:
   — ARBC 1105: Elementary Arabic (3 credits)
   — ARBC 1106: Elementary Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1105; 3 credits)
   — ARBC 2105: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1106; 3 credits)
   — ARBC 2106: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2105; 3 credits)
   — ARBC 3105: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2106; 3 credits)
   — ARBC 3106: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 3105; 3 credits)
   — HEB/JUD 1104: Hebrew I (3 credits)
   — HEB/JUD 1114: Accelerated Elementary Hebrew Language (Pre: JUD/JUD 1104; 3 credits)

II. Three Elective Courses (two of which must be at the 3000 level or above)

Religion and Culture
   — RLCL 1024: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (3 credits)
   — RLCL 1024H: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (3 credits)
   — RLCL 3014 (WGS 3014): Women and Gender in Islam (3 credits)
   — RLCL 3504 (HUM 3504; HIST 3504): The Age of the Crusades (3 credits)
   — RLCL 3604: Islam and the Modern World (3 credits)

History
   — *HIST 2345: History of the Middle East (3 credits)
   — *HIST 2346: History of the Middle East (3 credits)
   — *HIST 3654: The Arab-Israeli Dispute (3 credits)

Foreign Languages and Literatures
   — *ARBC 1105: Elementary Arabic (3 credits)
   — *ARBC 1106: Elementary Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1105; 3 credits)
   — *ARBC 2105: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 1106; 3 credits)
   — *ARBC 2106: Intermediate Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2105; 3 credits)
   — *ARBC 2774: Arabic Culture and Civilization
* ARBC 3105: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 2106; 3 credits)
* ARBC 3106: Advanced Arabic (Pre: ARBC 3105; 3 credits)
* ARBC 3304: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (3 credits)
* HEB/JUD 1104: Hebrew I (3 credits)
* HEB/JUD 1114: Accelerated Elementary Hebrew Language (Pre: JUD/HEB 1104; 3 credits)

School of Visual Arts

* ART 3054: Islamic Art and Architecture

Political Science

* JUD/PSCI 3544: The State of Israel: A Political History (Pre: PSCI 1024 or JUD 2134; 3 credits)

* Course offerings listed in both Section I and Section II may not be counted twice.

Special offerings, topics courses, Independent Study (4974), Special Study (2984 or 4984), or Undergraduate Research (4994) in any department, so long as the topic is appropriate, may also be counted towards this minor. Permission to include courses not specifically listed here, however, must be granted by the minor coordinator.

Please note that all upper division courses may require prerequisites. Students must take responsibility to familiarize themselves with any prerequisites that may be required when selecting courses.

Students must have an over-all GPA of 2.0 and an in-minor GPA of 2.0 in order to graduate.

Students interested in the Middle East Studies Minor are encouraged to talk with Dr. Rachel Scott, 203 Major Williams, rmscott@vt.edu, 540-231-4848.