MINOR IN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES (MEST)
For Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2018

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/HEB 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 a GPA of 2.0 in courses completed for the minor 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.