

# MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN (MENA) STUDIES

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The interdepartmental minor in Middle Eastern and North African Studies is intended to complement students' major academic work in other departments and programs. Its purpose is to cultivate a critical understanding of the region stretching from Morocco in the west to Iran in the east – a broad swath of the globe rich in history, diverse in cultures, and crucially situated with respect to political conflicts from ancient times until today – and of its peoples and cultures outside their places of origin. While a region as large and diverse as this cannot be seen as a single entity, nevertheless commonalities, past and present, necessitate an area-wide perspective. Students will acquire a critical perspective through a multidisciplinary set of minor requirements, including one semester of off-campus study in the region or one Wooster-In program in the region.

## Minor in Middle East and North African Studies

Consists of six courses plus regional off-campus study:

- One course each in three historical periods: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern
- Three other courses within the minor

## Special Notes

- **Off-campus study:** The minor in Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Studies requires either the completion of one semester study abroad in an endorsed off-campus study or participation in a Wooster-In program in the region. Acceptable programs are either Wooster-endorsed semester long programs (currently available in Israel, Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia) or regional "Wooster In" programs led by Wooster faculty members (current program: Wooster In Israel and Palestine).
- **Language study:** Language study is strongly recommended and may be pursued either on or off campus. Relevant languages offered on campus are Middle Egyptian, Ancient Greek, and Modern Hebrew. Other relevant ancient and modern languages include, but are not limited to, Arabic (all forms), Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Farsi, Turkish, and Ugaritic. MENA minors considering off-campus language study should consult a member of the MENA faculty.
- No more than two language courses may count toward credit in the minor.
- No more than three off-campus courses may count toward the minor.
- Approval of the MENA Curriculum Committee is required for all transfer credits.

**Note to Archaeology, Art History, Classics, English, History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies Majors:** By College policy, students may double count up to two courses for both for minor and major credit.

# MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN (MENA) STUDIES COURSES

## ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART HISTORY

- ARTH 20100. BRONZE AGE ART [AH]
- ARTH 20600. EARLY MEDIEVAL ART [R, AH]
- ARTH 22100. ISLAMIC ART [C, R, AH]

## CLASSICAL STUDIES

- AMST 19000. MIDDLE EGYPTIAN
- AMST 26100. STUDIES IN ANCIENT HISTORY: RELIGION IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD [AH]

## ENGLISH

- ENGL 12018. WRITING IN THE AGE OF TERROR [AH]

## FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

- FREN 22400. NORTH AFRICA AND FRANCE [C, AH]

## HISTORY

- HIST 10176. HISTORY OF ISLAM [C, R, HSS]
- HIST 20205. HISTORY THROUGH FILM (History Workshop — .25 credit)
- HIST 22700. THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST [C, HSS]
- HIST 22800. ISRAEL/PALESTINE: HISTORIES IN CONFLICT [C, HSS]
- HIST 24000. HISTORY OF THE JEWS [C, HSS]
- HIST 27507. STUDIES IN HISTORY: IRANIAN HISTORY AND CINEMA [HSS]

## PHILOSOPHY

- PHIL 23000. EAST/WEST COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY [Wt, C, AH]
- PHIL 29900. ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY [AH]

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

- HEBR 10100. HEBREW I
- HEBR 10200. HEBREW II
- RELS 12000. INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES [C, R, AH]
- RELS 22200. ISLAM [C, R, AH]
- RELS 23300. JUDAISM [C, R, AH]

## SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY

- ANTH 22500. GENDER IN WORLD CULTURES [C, HSS]

## WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

- WGSS 20400. GLOBAL/TRANSNATIONAL FEMINISMS [C, HSS]