MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements

The Middle East and South Asia Studies minor provides students with an opportunity to engage in a multidisciplinary study of the history, politics, literature, peoples, and cultures of the Middle East and South Asia. To fulfill the minor, students must complete 18 hours from an approved list of courses. Students may count no more than 10 hours from any of the foreign language offerings toward the minor. Additional elective courses may have been approved since publication of this bulletin. The program's co-directors maintain a complete list of all approved elective courses. For course descriptions, see the relevant department's listings in this publication. Some courses relevant to the minor are not taught on a regular basis; others are offered by visiting or temporary faculty.

Electives for Middle East and South Asia Studies

Code	Title	Hours
ANT 334	People and Cultures of South Asia	3
ANT 383 & ANT 384	Field program in Cultural Anthropology and Field Program in Cultural Anthropology (when topic is appropriate)	6
ANT 385 & ANT 386	Special Problems Seminar and Special Problems Seminar (when topic is appropriate)	6
ARB 111 & ARB 112	Elementary Arabic I and Elementary Arabic II	6
ARB 153	Intermediate Arabic I	4
ARB 201	Intermediate Arabic II	3
ARB 218 & ARB 219	Standard Arabic Conversation I and Standard Arabic Conversation II	6
ARB 221 & ARB 222	Colloquial Arabic Conversation I and Colloquial Arabic Conversation II	6
ARB 230 & ARB 231	Upper Intermediate Arabic I and Upper Intermediate Arabic II	6
ARB 288	Individual Study in Arabic Language or Cultural Studies	1.5-3
ARB 301 & ARB 302	Advanced Arabic I and Advanced Arabic II	6
ARB 305	Special Topics in Arabic	3
ARB 324	Introduction to Arabic Literature	3
ARB 325	Multimedia Arabic	3
ARB 350	Classical Arab-Islamic Civilization through Literature	3
ARB 351	Modern Arab World through Literature	3
ART 104	Topics in World Art (when topic is appropriate)	3
ART 203	Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ART 204	South Asian Art and Architecture	3
ART 205	The Architecture of Devotion in South Asia	3
ART 206	Art and Empire: India and Europe, 1500-1900	3
ART 207	Building Empire: Early Modern Islamic Architecture	3
ART 208	Ottoman Art and Architecture	3
ART 286	Topics in Art and Architectural History (when topic is appropriate)	3
ART 351	Topics in Gender and Art (when topic is appropriate)	3
ART 396	Art History Seminar (when topic is appropriate)	4
COM 370	Special Topics (when topic is appropriate)	3
ENG 358	Postcolonial Literature	3
ENG 359	Studies in Postcolonial Literature	3
HNU 111 & HNU 112	Elementary Hindi-Urdu I and Elementary Hindi-Urdu II	6
HNU 140	Introduction to the Hindi script (Devanagari)	1
HNU 141	Introduction to the Urdu script (Nastaliq)	1
HNU 153 & HNU 201	Intermediate Hindi-Urdu I and Intermediate Hindi-Urdu II	6
HNU 287	Special Topics in Hindi-Urdu Language or Cultural Studies	1-3
HNU 288	Individual Study in Hindi-Urdu Language or Cultural Studies	1-3
HST 107	Middle East & the World	3
HST 109	Asia and the World	3
HST 242	Middle East before 1500	3
HST 243	Middle East since 1500	3
HST 250	Premodern South Asia	3
HST 251	Modern South Asia	3
HST 305	Medieval & Early Modern Iberia	3
HST 311	Special Topics in History (when topic is appropriate)	3
HST 321	Zionism, Palestine, and Israel in Historical Perspective	3
HST 334	Mystics, Monarchs, and Masses in South Asian Islam	3
HST 335	Hindus and Muslims in India, Pakistan, and Beyond	3
HST 343	The Silk Roads	3
HST 385	History through Film: Bollywood and the Making of Modern India	3
HST 387	The Last Great Muslim Empires	3
HST 388	Nation, Faith, and Gender in the Middle East	3
HST 389	The British Empire in the Middle East	3
HST 390	Research Seminar (when topic is appropriate)	4
HST 398	Individual Study (when topic is appropriate)	1-3
HST 399	Directed Reading (when topic is appropriate)	1-3
MES 110	Introductory Topics in Middle East and South Asia Studies	1-3
MES 210	Intermediate Topics in Middle East and South Asia Studies	1-3

MES 310	Advanced Topics in Middle East and South Asia Studies	1-3
MES 390	Individual Study	1-3
MSC 101	Introduction to the Music of World Cultures	3
MSC 105	Performing Arts of Asia	3
MSC 150	Gamelan Ensemble	1
NLL 111 & NLL 112	Elementary Hebrew and Elementary Hebrew	6
NLL 153	Intermediate Hebrew	3
NLL 211 & NLL 212	Hebrew Literature and Hebrew Literature II	6
NLL 213	Studies in Modern Hebrew	3
NLL 301	Introduction to Semitic Languages	3
NLL 302 & NLL 303	Akkadian I and Akkadian II	6
NLL 310	Intermediate Readings in Classical Hebrew	1
NLL 311	Aramaic	3
NLL 321 & NLL 322	Introduction to Middle Egyptian I and Introduction to Middle Egyptian II	6
POL 241	Contemporary India	3
POL 242	Topics in Comparative Politics (when topic is appropriate)	3
POL 246	Politics and Policies in South Asia	3
POL 250	Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and U.S. Policy since 2001	3
POL 251	Politics of Forced Migration	3
POL 252	Topics in International Politics (when topic is appropriate)	3
POL 255	Terrorism and Political Violence	3
POL 257	Politics of International Development	3
POL 259	Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
POL 263	U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East	3
POL 269	Topics in Political Theory (when topic is appropriate)	3
POL 274	Arab and Islamic Political Thought	3
POL 282	Gandhi	3
POL 286	Topics in Political Science (when topic is appropriate)	3
POL 287	Individual Study (when topic is appropriate)	3
POL 288	Directed Reading (when topic is appropriate)	3
POL 300	Senior Seminar in Political Science (when topic is appropriate)	4
REL 104A	Introduction to Asian Religions	3
REL 104B	Introduction to South Asian Religions	3
REL 105	Monotheisms: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	3
REL 108	Introduction to Hindu Traditions	3
REL 109	Introduction to Buddhist Traditions	3
REL 110	Introduction to Islamic Traditions	3
REL 113	Introduction to Jewish Traditions	3
REL 286 & REL 287	Directed Reading and Directed Reading (when topic is appropriate)	4
REL 312	The Critical Study of the Pentateuch	3
REL 313	Near Eastern Archeology	3
REL 355	Jewish Identities: Religion, Race, and Rights	3
REL 356	Faces of Modern Judaism	3
REL 362	Topics in Islam	3
REL 383	The Quran and the Prophet	3
REL 384	Islam and Law: Varieties in Interpretation and Expression	3
REL 385	Topics in South Asian Religions	3
REL 386	Indian Epics	3
REL 387	Priests, Warriors and Ascetics in Ancient India	3
REL 388	South Asian Women: Religion, Culture and Politics	3
REL 389	Islam in the West: Changes and Challenges	3
REL 390	Special Topics in Religion (when topic is appropriate)	3
WGS 377	Special Topics (when topic is appropriate)	3

Honors

The honors designation in Middle East and South Asia Studies is a recognition of outstanding scholarship in the area, as evidenced by academic achievement, intellectual initiative and deep familiarity with the culture and peoples of the Middle East and South Asia. To receive honors in Middle East and South Asia Studies, highly qualified students must undertake focused individual research in some aspect of Middle East and/or South Asia studies or study abroad in at least one country in the region. Students are required to provide an oral presentation of their research findings or of their critical analysis of their study abroad experience at the spring honors colloquium that follows their return to campus. To receive honors in Middle East and South Asia Studies student must at the time of graduation have both a 3.6 GPA or higher in courses pursued for the minor and an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher. Interested students should contact one of the program directors to discuss.