ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR

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The undergraduate minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies (ISME) is intended to offer students access to two complementary perspectives, the transregional study of Islam and Muslim societies in interaction with surrounding cultures, and the Middle East as a complex region seen through multiple disciplinary perspectives.

Department Programs

Majors

• Religious Studies Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba)

Minors

• Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Minor (p. 1)
• Jewish Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/jewish-studies-minor)
• Religious Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-minor)
• Study of Christianity and Culture Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/study-christianity-culture-minor)

Graduate Programs

• M.A. in Religious Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies)
• Ph.D. in Religious Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

• take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

The minor consists of five courses, which must be taken in at least two different departments; at least one course must be from the Department of Religious Studies, and at least one course must be at an advanced level (400 and above). The two required core courses for the minor are the following:

Core Requirements

Introduction to Islamic Civilization:

HIST 138 History of Muslim Societies to 1500
or RELI 180 Introduction to Islamic Civilization

One of the following three courses:

HIST 139 History of Muslim Societies since 1500
HIST 276 The Modern Middle East
RELI 181 Modern Muslim Societies

Three elective courses

Total Hours 15

1 Both courses cover material from the seventh century to 1500

Islamic Studies

ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681 Readings in Islamicate Literatures 3

ARTH 562 Islamic Urbanism 3

ARTH/ASIA 154 Introduction to Art and Architecture of Islamic Lands (Eighth-16th Centuries CE) 3

ARTH/ASIA 251 Art in the Age of the Caliphs 3

ARTH/ASIA 273 Arts Under the Mughal Dynasty in India 3

ARTH/ASIA 458 Islamic Architecture and the Environment 3

ARTH/ASIA 561 Arts of the Islamic Mediterranean 3

ASIA 59 First-Year Seminar: Media Masala: Popular Music, TV, and the Internet in Modern India and Pakistan 3

ASIA 331 Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia 3

ASIA/HIST 135 History of the Indian Subcontinent to 1750 3

ASIA/HIST 136 History of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh: South Asia since 1750 3

ASIA/HIST 138 History of Muslim Societies to 1500 3

ASIA/HIST 139 History of Muslim Societies since 1500 3

ASIA/RELI 180 Introduction to Islamic Civilization 3

ASIA/RELI 181 Modern Muslim Societies 3

ASIA/RELI 582 Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia 3

ASIA/RELI 584 The Qur'an as Literature 3

GEOG 448 Transnational Geographies of Muslim Societies 3

GSLL/RELI 218 Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages 3

PWAD/RELI 481 Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism 3

RELI 64 First-Year Seminar: Reintroducing Islam 3
RELI 185  Women/Gender/Islam  
RELI 248  Introduction to American Islam  
RELI 289  Muhammad and the Qur'an  
RELI 385  Modern Muslims and the Qur'an  
RELI 480  Modern Muslim Literatures  
RELI 485  Gender and Sexuality in Islam  
RELI 580  African American Islam  
SOCI 419  Sociology of the Islamic World  

H  Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Middle Eastern Studies

ARAB 150  Introduction to Arab Cultures  
ARAB 151  Arabic Literature through the Ages  
ARAB 350  Women and Leadership in the Arab World  
ARAB 434  Modern Arabic Literature in Translation  
ARAB 443  Dissident Voices in Arab Cultures  
ARAB 452  Imagining Palestine  
ARAB 453  Film, Nation, and Identity in the Arab World  
ARAB 468  Modernity and Its Discontents in Arabic Literature and Culture  
ASIA 64  First-Year Seminar: Arab World Photography  
ASIA 235  Israeli Cinema: Gender, Nation, and Ethnicity  
ASIA 357  The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence  
ASIA 435  The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa  
ASIA/GEOG 447  Gender, Space, and Place in the Middle East  
ASIA/HIST 276  The Modern Middle East  
ASIA/HIST 277  The Conflict over Israel/Palestine  
ASIA/HIST 536  Revolution in the Modern Middle East  
ASIA/HIST 538  The Middle East and the West  
ASIA/HIST/PWAD 275  History of Iraq  
ASIA/HIST/WGST  Women in the Middle East  

H  Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

One language course at level 5 or higher in Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Persian, or Turkish can count as a course toward the minor. Up to two courses in Islamic and Middle East studies at Duke University may count toward the minor if approved by the director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.

Although this minor is housed in the Department of Religious Studies, the director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations is responsible for advising all students who minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies.

See the program page here (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/#opportunitiestext) for special opportunities.