



MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

The Middle Eastern Studies program contributes to the mission of the University and its core values of respect, service, hospitality, diversity and learning for life by providing course work, study abroad, and community partnerships and events that promote learning about and understanding of the Middle East, its various peoples, geographies, religions, languages and cultures.

Students with an interest in Middle Eastern history, culture, religions or contemporary events will find the program helpful in promoting life-long learning and mutual understanding.

Hassan (Husni) and Safia Haddad Peace Award & Scholarship (\$1000) is awarded annually to a student who prepares the best essay on the pursuit of peace.

The Middle Eastern Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program with a special interest in the Middle East and North Africa. The program is designed to provide students with a strong understanding of and appreciation for the cultural, political, economic and religious diversity of the Middle East. The courses in the Middle Eastern Studies program will provide students with a sound foundation upon which they can build further study in fields related to this critical region of the world. The program offers courses from a variety of disciplines on Middle Eastern history, religions, geography, politics, culture and languages.

Students from a variety of disciplines will find the program of interest, including those in business, nursing and education whose future clients, patients and students may be of Middle Eastern descent. Middle Eastern-American students may also find this coursework beneficial in learning more about their cultural heritage and immigrant experience.

Minor Requirements

To fulfill the requirement for the minor, students must complete **18 credit hours** (six courses) in approved courses. At least three credits must be in a modern Middle Eastern language. Courses taken in the minor may count toward fulfilling major and/or other University requirements.

Join the Middle Eastern Studies program and explore the possibilities with us!

- Fun cultural events
- Meaningful service-learning experiences
- Networking opportunities
- Study abroad opportunities
- Thought provoking courses in a variety of disciplines