

MINOR IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

2018-2019

The minor in Middle Eastern Studies at UHCL is highly interdisciplinary, drawing on coursework from the social sciences and the humanities, and is designed to give students an introduction to the region in global and comparative perspectives. The minor provides opportunities for studying topics such as regional geographies, history, politics, languages, religion, art, and ethnic and soci-cultural diversity. The Middle Eastern Studies Minor includes an emphasis on religious traditions and communities, interfaith studies, Islamic studies, the pre-Islamic period, the Byzantine period, the emergence of Abrahamic traditions and Islam, as well as the contemporary Middle East. Coursework for the minor may focus on Africa, the Levant, The Arab Gulf, Turkey, Israel, Iran, and South Asia. The minor focuses on diasporic flows of peoples and ideas, social movements, migrations, and peace and conflict studies.

Students must complete 15 hours from courses listed below. All courses for minor credit must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Students may also take independent studies in self-directed areas of specialization with prior approval from their major advisers and the Middle Eastern minor adviser.

HSH Requirements	UHCL Course Title	TCCNS*	CODE
Required Courses:	ANTH 3357 Topics in African Studies		
Students must take coursework in at least two different disciplines.	ANTH 3358 Topics in Middle Eastern Studies, when the topic is Islam in Africa, Gender, Media, and Diplomacy in the Arab World, or Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East		
	ANTH 4303 Islam in America		
	ARTS 4312 Art of Ancient Iraq and the Near East		
	or		
	HUMN 4312 Art of Ancient Iraq and the Near East		
	HIST 4313 Studies in U.S. History, when the course is Islam, The Middle East and the USA, or The Iraq War in Film		
	HIST 4325 Studies in Middle Eastern History, when the topic is The Middle East from Colonialism to Post-Colonialism, The Modern Middle East, or Israeli-Palestine Conflict		
	HUMN 4326 Studies in Film, when the topic is the Iraq War in Film		
	SOCI 4329 Egypt in Transition		
	SOCI 4363 American Immigration and the Immigrant Experience		
WGST 4312 Women of Color, when the topic is Gender, Media, and Diplomacy in the Arab World, Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East, Islam in Africa, or Islam and America			

General Minor Requirements

- Students must complete at least a minimum of 15 hours in the minor field.
 - At least 9 must be at the upper level (3300- and 4300-level classes).
 - At least 6 of the upper-level credits must be taken at UHCL.
- Students must earn a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses in the minor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. (GPA requirement may be higher in some minors.)

Some minors are associated with disciplinary programs, and some are interdisciplinary. Although the minor will not appear on your diploma, it will be noted on your transcript, which would be seen by future employers and others who review your academic record.

Keep in mind that because minors will require no fewer than 15 semester hours of course work, excluding prerequisite courses, **you must have 15 hours of electives available in your major degree plan.** Course substitutions to the minor degree plan may be made with the approval of both the major and minor advisors. Also, adding a minor to your program of study may not result in graduation requirements that exceed the approved length of your original degree plan and that the minor must be completed prior to graduation, not afterwards.

For more information, see the general and program requirements in the *Undergraduate Catalog*. For questions and academic advice, please contact Dr. Maria Curtis at curtis@uhcl.edu.