

Middle East Studies Program

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The interdisciplinary minor in Middle East Studies (one dimension of the MTSU Middle East Center mission) will provide students with opportunities to become better acquainted with the Middle East, a region of the world that increasingly has become a major force in international affairs. Students will have opportunities to learn about the history of the Middle East from the distant past to the present in addition to the people, culture, geography, language, art, music, and economics of the region. This coherent set of courses will provide a foundation for students wishing to do graduate work in Middle East Studies or pursue careers with businesses, NGOs (non-governmental organizations), and other organizations with operations in the Middle East.

Program Requirements

The minor requires 18 semester hours within an interdisciplinary structure. All students pursuing the minor are required to take 9 hours from the core and 9 hours from the general electives.

Required course (3 hours):

MES 2100 Introduction to Middle East Studies

Also Required (6 hours):

Two courses (6 hours) in Middle East languages. Currently ARAB 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020 and HEBR 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020 are offered at MTSU. Languages such as Farsi, Kurdish, Turkish, and Pashto may also be considered for transfer credit with approval from minor advisor.

Guided Electives (9 hours):

COMM 3570 Communication in the Middle East
 GEOG 4500 Geography of the Middle East
 HIST 3070 Topics in World History: France and the Middle East
 HIST 3080 Topics in Modern Middle East History
 HIST 4420 The Medieval Mediterranean World
 HIST 4440 The Middle East
 HUM 3600 Israeli Film
 HUM 4000 Women of the Middle East: Representations and Perceptions
 MES 2030 Literatures of the Middle East
 MES 3100 Special Topics in Middle East Studies
 MUHL 4140 Music of the Middle East
 PS 4190 Middle East Politics
 PS 4690 Comparative Foreign Policies and International Relations of the Middle East
 RS 4050 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
 UH 4600 Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar (Contemporary Middle East Culture)

NOTE: No more than two courses (6 hours) of electives may be taken in any ONE discipline.

Courses in Middle East Studies [MES]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.