

Global Middle East Studies, Minor

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The Global Middle East Studies minor offers students an in-depth, interdisciplinary grounding in the histories and present-day realities of the Middle East in a global context. The goal is to ensure students have a well-developed and competitive foundation to continue their studies at the graduate level in the U.S. and globally, and/or begin a career in law, business, consulting, foreign affairs, humanitarian affairs, medicine, science, or security studies, in which both theoretical and practical/first-hand knowledge of the regions we study are equally important.

Global Middle East Studies is both an attractive program and the perfect complement to numerous other programs on campus, particularly those with a disciplinary focus such as history, comparative literature, anthropology, political science, sociology, art history, international studies, global cultures, business, pre-law and criminology, pre-med, computer and information sciences, engineering, and other physical sciences. The Global Middle East Studies minor can be combined with any major.

Requirements for the Minor in Global Middle East Studies

A. Complete:	
GLBL ME 60A- 60B- 60C	Humanities and Arts: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies and Social Sciences: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies and Social Ecology and Sciences: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies
B. Complete four upper-division courses selected from electives listed below.	

Electives

Electives: ¹	
ANTHRO 121AW	Kinship and Social Organization
ANTHRO 121D	Cross-Cultural Studies of Gender
ANTHRO 125Z	Arabs and Muslims in the US
ANTHRO 128B	Race, Gender, and Science
ANTHRO 134A	Medical Anthropology
ANTHRO 136A	Nationalism and Ethnicity in the Contemporary World
ANTHRO 136G	Colonialism and Gender
ANTHRO 139	Special Topics in Cultural and Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 149	Special Topics in Archaeology
ANTHRO 169	Special Topics in Area Studies
ART HIS 100	Studies in Ancient Art
ART HIS 198	Advanced Seminar: Topics in Art History
ASIANAM 142	Arabs and Muslims in the US
ASIANAM 150	Special Topics in Asian American Studies
CHC/LAT 65	Ethnic and Immigrant America
CHC/LAT 176	Race, Gender, and Science
CHC/LAT 178A	Medical Anthropology
COM LIT 100A	Nations, Regions, and Beyond
COM LIT 102W	Comparative Studies in Literature and Theory
COM LIT 105	Topics in Comparative Multiculturalism
COM LIT 143	Literature, Arts, and Media
COM LIT 150	Literature in Translation
CRM/LAW C100	Special Topics in Criminology, Law and Society
ECON 149	Special Topics in Economics of Public and Private Organizations

EURO ST 13	Topics in Contemporary Europe (1945 – Today)
FLM&MDA 160	National/Regional Cinemas and Media
FLM&MDA 161	Global/Transnational Cinemas and Media
GEN&SEX 155	Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies
GLBLCLT 103B	Global Cultures II
HISTORY 12	Introductory Topics in History
HISTORY 18A	Major Jewish Texts
HISTORY 70E	Problems in History: Middle East and Africa
HISTORY 126B	The Era of World War II: 1933-45
HISTORY 130C	Topics in the Jewish History
HISTORY 130F	Jews and Power
HISTORY 131B	Ancient Persia
HISTORY 131C	Medieval Persia
HISTORY 132B	The Emergence of the Modern Middle East
HISTORY 132C	Women and Gender in the Middle East
HISTORY 132D	Armenians and Armenia in Ancient to Early Modern World History
HISTORY 132E	Armenians and Armenia in Modern World History
HISTORY 132H	Topics in Middle Eastern History
HISTORY 182	Special Studies in Intellectual-Cultural History
HISTORY 190	Colloquium
INTL ST 101A	Global Social Movements
INTL ST 104A	Global Trafficking
INTL ST 104BW	Global Gender and Sexuality
INTL ST 106A	Global Political Ecology
INTL ST 112A	International Business
INTL ST 115	Global Poverty and Inequality in the 21st Century
INTL ST 145A	International Law
INTL ST 147CW	International Humanitarianism
INTL ST 151B	Religion and World Politics
INTL ST 154W	Ethics and Justice in International Affairs
INTL ST 161A	Political Islam
INTL ST 165	Introduction to Contemporary Middle East Politics
INTL ST 175A	U.S. War on Terrorism
INTL ST 179	Special Topics: Geographic Focus in International Studies
INTL ST 183A	Global and International Studies Forum
INTL ST 183CW	Seminar Conflict Resolution
INTL ST 189	Special Topics: Global Focus in International Studies
PERSIAN 150	Topics in Advanced Persian Culture
POL SCI 141B	International Political Economy
POL SCI 146B	Religion and World Politics
POL SCI 147CW	International Humanitarianism
POL SCI 147E	Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa
POL SCI 149	Special Topics in International Relations
POL SCI 154J	Jews and Power
POL SCI 156D	Protests, Movements, and Revolutions
POL SCI 157B	International Divided Cities
POL SCI 158D	Introduction to Contemporary Middle East Politics
POL SCI 159	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
POL SCI 172A	International Law
REL STD 115	Religion and World Politics

REL STD 130	Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Religious Traditions
REL STD 130F	Jews and Power
SOC SCI 115D	International Business
SOC SCI 119	Special Topics in Geography
SOC SCI 179	Special Topics in Asian American Studies
SOC SCI 183A	Global and International Studies Forum
SOC SCI 183CW	Seminar Conflict Resolution
SOC SCI 188A	Introduction to Contemporary Middle East Politics
SOC SCI 188K	Political Islam
SOC SCI 189	Special Topics in Social Sciences
SOCECOL 100	Special Topics in Social Ecology
SOCECOL 183A	Global and International Studies Forum
SOCECOL 186A	Senior Seminar on Global Sustainability I
SOCECOL 186CW	Writing/Senior Seminar on Global Sustainability III
SOCIOL 68A	Ethnic and Immigrant America
SOCIOL 170B	U.S. War on Terrorism
SOCIOL 174	Protests, Movements, and Revolutions
SOCIOL 176	International Divided Cities
SOCIOL 179	Special Topics: Societies and Social Inequality
UPPP 100	Special Topics in Urban Studies
UPPP 178	International Divided Cities

¹ Each course in the list may be applied only when its content is deemed suitable by the Director of the Global Middle East Studies program. Students need to consult with the Global Middle East Studies program for applicable course titles. Other courses may be applied by petition with approval from the Global Middle East Studies Program Director.

Residence Requirement for the Minor: Four upper-division courses required for the minor must be completed successfully at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the appropriate program director.

- Global Studies, Graduate Emphasis
- Global Studies, Ph.D.
- International Studies, B.A.
- International Studies, Minor
- Global Middle East Studies, B.A.