

# MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR



**Increase your knowledge of this critical region on campus and beyond while making a valuable addition to your degree.**

The Middle East Studies minor is housed in the Department of Political Science and involves six departments across the campus:

[Political Science](#) | [History](#) | [Economics](#) | [Communication Studies](#) | [Philosophy](#) | [Modern Languages](#)

## MES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor requires 20 credit hours:

3 Introductory Course credit hours | 8 Language Course credit hours | 9 Core Course credit hours

Students must maintain a good academic standing with a grade of 'C' or above in MES minor courses.

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE REQUIREMENT

Must take at least one of the introductory courses listed below.

- POLSC 135 - Intro. to Comparative Politics
- COMM 480 - Intercultural Communication
- HIST 111 - World History to 1450
- HIST 112 - World History from 1450

### CORE COURSE REQUIREMENT

Must take all of the following:

- [Political Science](#) core course
- [History](#) core course
- [Communication Studies](#), [Philosophy](#), [Economics](#), or [Modern Languages](#) core course

### LANGUAGE COURSE REQUIREMENT

Must take both of the following:

- ARAB 101 - Arabic I
- ARAB 102 - Arabic II

It is strongly recommended that students also take additional courses in language (e.g. ARAB 300 and ARAB 301) for a complete cultural immersion in the Middle Eastern culture.

A student may substitute previous college level course work in Turkish, Persian, or Hebrew upon approval. A native speaker of these languages may be exempt from the language requirements. A student may also fulfill language requirements in a study abroad program if these courses are approved by Kansas State University.

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## CORE COURSE OPTIONS

### Political Science

(Choose ONE)

- POLSC 390 - Middle East Politics
- POLSC 524 - Political Islam
- POLSC 653 - International Politics of the Middle East

### History

(Choose ONE)

- HIST 598 - History of Islam
- HIST 598 - Topics in Non-Western History
- HIST 852 - History and Security: the Middle East

### Communication Studies, Philosophy, Modern Languages, & Economics

(Choose ONE)

- COMM 450 - Special Studies in Human Discourse
- PHILO 337 - Religious Freedom and Democracy
- ARAB 540 - Special Studies in Arabic
- ARAB 300 - Arabic III
- ARAB 301 - Arabic IV
- ECON 536 - Comparative Economics

## ELECTIVE (OPTIONAL)

Students can replace ONE of the required core courses with any of the elective courses listed below, following approval of the minor's Director (Dr. Sabri Ciftci).

- AMETH 354 - Asian American Perspectives
- AMETH 450 - Comparative Ethnic Studies
- MC 572 - Global Mass Communication
- SOCIO 363 - Global Problems
- SOCIO 507 - International Development and Social Change
- SOCIO 633 - Gender, Power and International Development
- ANTH 204 - A General Education Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 210 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Honors)
- ANTH 314 - Introduction to the World's Religions
- ANTH 616 - Anthropology of the Future: Apocalypses, Prophecy and Hope
- POLSC 341 - Politics of the World Economy
- POLSC 343 - American Foreign Policy
- POLSC 526 - Comparative Political Institutions
- POLSC 540 - Global Security Threats
- POLSC 545 - The Politics of Developing Nations
- POLSC 601 - Topics in Political Science
- POLSC 626 - African Politics
- POLSC 638 - Ethnic Conflict
- POLSC 643 - Global Human Rights
- POLSC 654 - International Politics of Africa
- POLSC 675 - Religion and Politics
- HIST 567 - Europe in the Middle Ages
- HIST 597 - Topics in European History
- ART 195 - Survey of Western Art History I
- ECON 682 - Development Economics
- GEOG 340 - Natural Resources

## FACULTY



Dr. Sabri Ciftci  
Director, Political Science



Dr. Nadia Oweidat  
History



Dr. Brent Maner  
History



Dr. Jon Mahoney  
Philosophy



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Interested in knowing more? Looking to add the minor?  
Reach out to Dr. Sabri Ciftci ([ciftci@ksu.edu](mailto:ciftci@ksu.edu)) to get started!

