Middle Eastern Studies Program at Cleveland State University:
A Unique Area of Study in Northeast Ohio

The Middle East has been playing a vital role in the evolution of the intellectual, religious, and political history of humanity. Due to its geopolitical location, the Middle East occupies a significant economic and strategic place in world economy and politics. Completing a minor in Middle Eastern Studies will prepare students for regional, national, and international careers and enhance students’ global education and integration into world politics. It will also increase awareness about the people of the Middle East and their culture and provide a better understanding of an interconnected global citizenship.

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Requirements for a Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

A minor in Middle Eastern Studies consists of a minimum of 20 credit hours. No grade below “C” in a minor course may count toward the minor. The required core and elective courses are distributed as follows:

Core Course

One core course (3 credits)

- ARB/HIS/PSC 274 – An Introduction to the Middle East

Intermediate Level Language

Demonstrate intermediate level skill of a Middle Eastern language (Arabic, Hebrew, Kurdish, Persian, Syriac, or Turkish). Only 8 credit hours can count toward the minor.

Electives

3 elective classes (9 credits) from the following courses:

- ART 353 – Art of the Islamic World
- HIS 377 – History of Islamic Civilizations
- HIS 385 – History of the Middle East to 1405
- HIS 386 – History of Islamic Gunpowder Empires, 1301-1798
- HIS 387 – Modern Middle East
- WLC 235 – Arab Film
- WLC 245 – Arabic Resources of Cleveland
- WLC 278 – Gender Boundaries and Sexuality in the Arab World
- WLC 284 – Arab Civilization and Culture
- PSC 332 – Politics in the Middle East
- PSC 339 – Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa
- REL 364 – Islam
- REL 366 – Modern Islamic Movements
- REL 367 – Muslim Relations with Christians and Jews
- REL 368 – Religion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- REL 369 – Everyday Life in Muslim Societies

All courses are 3 credit hours.

Study Abroad

The Middle Eastern Studies program offers study abroad opportunities where students, either in an individual or a faculty-led setting, can enhance their knowledge (including language proficiency) about the history and the politics of the region. Students can earn up to 10 credits (depending on the time period and the number of hours). For more information contact the director of the program.

Career Opportunities in Middle Eastern Studies

A minor in Middle Eastern Studies provides a foundation for, and complement to, multiple majors at Cleveland State, including the social sciences, arts and humanities, business and the science.

Because of its complementary nature, a student with a minor in Middle Eastern Studies may find enhanced opportunities in the private sector, including international business, marketing and public affairs. In addition, students may find the minor advantageous when pursuing positions in either the non-governmental or governmental sector, including education and research, healthcare, law enforcement or national security.

Career include:

- Public Relations
- Law Enforcement
- Military Services
- Communications
- Foreign Services
- Hotel/Restaurant Management
- Industry
- Teaching
- Research
- Tourism
- International Business
- Advertising
- Banking
- Import/Export