

Middle Eastern Studies Minor

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The minor in Middle Eastern Studies is designed to give students an introduction to the study of the modern Middle East (the Arab, Turkic, Persian, and Israeli nation states) through social science and humanities courses. *(Students interested in emphasizing language, archaeology and/or ancient civilizations should investigate minors in the Department of Near Eastern Studies.)*

Completed applications are accepted by the International & Area Studies Teaching Program (IASTP) office (510-642-4466, iastp@berkeley.edu, 101 Stephens Hall) beginning the third week of *instruction* and through the last day of *instruction (not the last day of finals)* during the fall and spring semesters. Applications are not accepted during the summer session. Incomplete applications will be returned unread to the applicant. **The deadline to submit materials for the minor is the last day of instruction of the term immediately preceding your final term.** The MES minor is open to all UCB students except MES and NES majors.

To declare the MES minor, students must:

- Have completed or be currently enrolled in one Middle East-related course at UC Berkeley; and
- Not be in their final semester of undergraduate work.

A complete MES minor application consists of:

1. A completed MES Minor Application Form (attached).
2. A completed MES Minor Program Worksheet (attached).
3. A current copy of your UCB transcript printed from BearFacts with your name printed on the document. Please **highlight** all courses that apply to the minor, including courses in progress and transferable credits from other institutions (community colleges, study abroad). Also, indicate which course (if any) will overlap between the minor and your major.
4. Copies of transcripts from colleges other than UCB **IF** course work is to be counted towards the minor. Transcripts may be unofficial. We do not have access to transcripts in the Registrar's Office. Students must request copies themselves and submit them with their applications. Please **highlight** all courses to be applied to the minor.
5. The "Petition for Confirmation of Minor Program Completed" (attached) signed by the student. An advisor's signature is not necessary.

To complete an MES minor, students must:

1. Complete one introductory lower-division course from the following list: History 12, MES 10, MES 20, NES 10.
2. Complete five upper-division courses about the Middle East selected from the attached list. The five upper courses must be taken from at least two different departments. No more than three courses can be taken from the same department. Substitutions must be pre-approved by an MES Advisor.
3. The study of modern Middle Eastern languages is encouraged; however, there is no language requirement for the MES minor nor may language courses count toward the minor.
4. Complete 22 or more units of MES minor coursework within the College of L&S unit ceiling policy.
5. Complete at least three minor courses at UC Berkeley. Transfer courses must be approved by an advisor.
6. ALL courses for the minor must be taken for a letter grade. MES 97- 99, 197- 199 cannot be used to fulfill minor requirements.
7. Achieve a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in the courses used to satisfy minor requirements.
8. Use no more than one course to satisfy requirements for both a major and a minor.

Before submitting applications, students must:

Have their applications reviewed by an academic staff advisor. Bring your **complete** application to the IASTP Office in 101 Stephens Hall. Applicants who meet the above criteria are eligible for admission to the minor. Confirmation of your admission will be sent within fifteen working days of submitting your complete application. Once admitted, minors are required to contact by an academic staff advisor at least once each semester to get approval for any changes to their program. The College of L&S will be notified of minor completion approximately four weeks after the final minor course has been completed.

RECEIVED BY: _____

DATE: _____

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MINOR APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Personal Data

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First	Middle	S.I.D. Number
_____			_____
@berkeley.edu Email Address			Local Phone Number
_____			_____
Permanent Email address			Cell Phone Number

Academic Information

_____	_____	_____
Major Department	Total Units Completed	AP Units Completed
_____	_____	_____
First Term at Berkeley (semester and year)	Proposed Date of Graduation (semester and year)	
_____	_____	
Double Major Department (if applicable)	Other Minor Program Department (if applicable)	

Other Colleges and Universities Attended:

1. _____ from _____ to _____
2. _____ from _____ to _____

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL:

Once you are admitted to the minor you must have your courses approved each semester. It is your responsibility to discuss your courses with an academic staff advisor in advance of your TeleBears Phase 1 appointment time, whether you are on campus or studying abroad. It is also your responsibility to inform an advisor when you have completed the minor so that the confirmation of minor petition can be signed and forwarded to the Registrar's Office for posting on the transcript.

Student Initials Date

Name: _____

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PROGRAM WORKSHEET

This worksheet is both a student planning aid and an advisor check list. Please indicate the semester you either completed or plan to complete each requirement, using the minor program course list and the Berkeley General Catalog as references. Include alternative options so that you have choices in case a class is not offered or should it not fit your schedule when it is offered. Do **not** fill in units, grades or grade points. An advisor will complete these columns when certifying completion of the minor. **All courses taken for the minor must be taken for a letter grade and be pre-approved by an advisor.**

Fill out this worksheet in pencil -- it will probably change!

Lower Division Course (*History 12, MES 10, MES 20, or NES 10*)

Course	Semester Taken/ Plan to Take	Institution	Units	Grade	Grade Points	Certified by Advisor

Five Upper Division Courses (*Choose from the attached list or have courses preapproved by an advisor.*)

Course	Semester Taken/ Plan to Take	Institution	Units	Grade	Grade Points	Certified by Advisor

Overlapping Course, if applicable. No more than one course can count for both the major and the minor.

FOR ADVISOR USE ONLY		
Incoming Minor GPA:		
Final Minor GPA:		
22 units completed?	YES	NO

MIDDLE EAST-RELATED UPPER DIVISION COURSES

The following courses may be counted towards the MES minor. For updated course lists, please see <http://ias.berkeley.edu/iasasp/cmescourses/courses.asp>. Any course listed on the website containing 50% Middle East content or more can be applied to the minor.

Anthropology 181	The Near East (4 units)
Architecture 175D	Islamic Architecture and Urbanism (3)
Comp Lit 120	The Biblical Tradition in Western Literature (4)
Geography 167	The Middle East (4)
History 103	Iraq and Iran (4)
History 109A	Islamic History (4)
History 109B	The Middle East, 1000-1750 (4)
History 109C	The Middle East, 18th Century-Present (4)
Hist of Art 121A and/or 121B	Topics in Islamic Art (4, 4)
MES 109	Model Arab League (3)
MES 130	Cross-Listed Topics in Middle Eastern Studies (1-4)
MES 140	Special Topics in Middle Eastern Studies (2)
MES 150	Advanced Study in the Middle East (4)
Music 132	Music of the Middle East (4)
NES 108	Topics in the Ancient Mediterranean World (2-4)
NES 121A and/or 121B	Near Eastern Art (4,4)
NES 137	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought (4)
NES 139	Modern Jewish Literatures (3)
NES 140	Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions (3)
NES 141	Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought (3)
NES 142	Shi'ite Islam (3)
NES 143A and/or 143B	Islam in Iran (3,3)
NES 144	Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam (3)
NES 146A and/or 146B	Islam (3,3)
NES 150A and/or 150B	Arabic Literature in Translation (3,3)
NES 151	Folktales of the Middle East (4)
NES 152	Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature (3)
NES 162A and/or 162B	History of Persian Literature (3,3)
NES 170A and/or 170B	Turkish Literature in Translation (3,3)
Pol Sci 142A and/or 142B	Middle East Politics (4,4)

The following courses may be counted toward the MES minor when offered with primarily Middle East content and by Middle East-specialists. See an advisor in the IAS Teaching Program office for approval.

African American Studies 190	Advanced Seminar in African Diaspora Studies (3-4 units)
Anthropology 162	Topics in Folklore (4)
Architecture 111/CRP 111	Introduction to Housing: International Issues
CRP 115	Urbanization in Developing Countries (3)
Development Studies 130	Cross-Listed Topics (1-4)
Development Studies 150	Special Topics (4)
Geography 175	Undergraduate Seminars (4)
History 101	Seminar in Historical Research and Writing for History Majors (5)
PACS 119	Special Topics (3)
PACS 135	Special Topics in Regional Conflict (3)
PACS 153	Advanced Conflict Resolution (4)
PACS 154	Multi-Cultural Conflict Resolution (4)
PACS 155	Ethics of Conflict Resolution (4)
PEIS 130	Cross-Listed Topics (1-4)
PEIS 150	Special Topics (4)
Sociology 112	Sociology of Religion (4)
Sociology 172	Development and Modernization (4)
Sociology 189	Selected Topics in Area Studies (4)
Women's Studies 142	Women's Lives Worldwide (3)