Today, more than ever before, Middle East politics have become intertwined with American politics and the lives of many Americans. The minor is designed to equip undergraduates with a firm multidisciplinary grounding in the region, its history, and its international relations.

Faculty
Amireh, Bakhash, Bryant, Dakake, Gopin, Haddad (director), Hamdani, Katz, Lukacs, Mandaville, Paczynska, Rouhana, Salawdeh

Admissions & Policies
Policies
Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements
Minor Requirements
Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

In partial fulfillment of coursework for the minor, students are strongly encouraged to participate in a study abroad program in the Middle East.

Core Courses
Code | Title | Credits
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HIST 282 | Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) | 3
GOVT 332 | Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa | 3
Total Credits | 6

Electives
Code | Title | Credits
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Select four electives from the following:¹ | 12
ARAB 325 | Major Arab Writers/Stories (Mason Core) | 
ARAB 330 | Reading and Conversation I | 
ARAB 331 | Reading and Conversation II | 
ANTH 330 | Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western (if region studied is relevant to Middle East studies) | 

¹ One course in a relevant language may be used as an elective. Other courses including ANTH 399 Issues in Anthropology or CONI 399 Special Topics in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, when topic is relevant to the Middle East, may be used as electives with the prior written approval of the director.