

ARAB STUDIES, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

The Arab Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary minor that allows students to learn about the pre-modern and modern history, cultures, societies, and diasporas of Arabic-speaking peoples of West Asia and North Africa as well as other users of Arabic. The Arab Studies Minor is open to undergraduates in all four colleges.

Minor Advisor

Middle East/South Asia Studies Advising Office (<https://mesa.ucdavis.edu/advising-office/>)

Code	Title	Units
MSA 100	Middle East & South Asia: Comparative Perspectives	4
MSA 180	Topics in Middle East & South Asian Studies	4
HIS 193A	History of the Modern Middle East, 1750-1914	4
or HIS 193B	History of the Modern Middle East, From 1914	
MSA 181C	Topics in Regional ME/SA Studies: Arab Studies	4
or MSA 182C	Undergraduate Proseminar in Middle East/South Asia: Arab Studies Seminar	

Core Course List

Choose additional electives from the Core Course list: 4-15

No more than one lower division course can be counted toward the minor requirements.

MSA 111A	Great Cities of Arab Middle East & South Asia	
MSA 121A/ COM 175	Shahnameh: The Persian Book of Kings	
or ARB 140/ COM 172/ MSA 121C	A Story for a Life: The Arabian Nights	
MSA 122A	Themes in the Arabic Novel	
MSA 150/ GSW 185	Women & Islamic Discourses	
MSA 181C	Topics in Regional ME/SA Studies: Arab Studies	
MSA 182C	Undergraduate Proseminar in Middle East/ South Asia: Arab Studies Seminar	
ANT 142	Peoples of the Middle East	
ARB 001	Elementary Arabic 1	
or ARB 001A	Accelerated Intensive Elementary Arabic	
ARB 002	Elementary Arabic 2	
ARB 003	Elementary Arabic 3	
ARB 021	Intermediate Arabic 21	
ARB 022	Intermediate Arabic 22	
ARB 023	Intermediate Arabic 23	
ARB 121	Advanced Arabic	
ARB 122	Advanced Arabic	
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ARB 198	Directed Group Study	

AHI 155	The Islamic City
COM 053C	Literatures of the Islamic World
COM 155	Classical Literatures of the Islamic World 600-1900
COM 166	Literatures of the Modern Middle East
HIS 006	Introduction to the Middle East
HIS 102R	Undergraduate Proseminar in History: Muslim Societies
HIS 112C	History of Jews in the Muslim World
HIS 115F	History of Modern North Africa, 1800 to the Present
HIS 190A	Middle Eastern History I: The Rise of Islam, 600-1000
HIS 190B	Middle Eastern History II: The Age of the Crusades, 1001-1400
HIS 190C	Middle Eastern History III: The Ottomans, 1401-1730
HIS 193A	History of the Modern Middle East, 1750-1914
HIS 193B	History of the Modern Middle East, From 1914
POL 135	International Politics of the Middle East
POL 136	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
RST 060	Introduction to Islam
RST 065C	The Qur'an & Its Interpretation
RST 160	Introduction to Islamic Thought
RST 161	Modern Islam
RST 162	Introduction to Islamic Law
RST 163	Social Life of Islam
WMS 184	Gender in the Arab World
WMS 185	(Discontinued for summer 2023) **

With prior consultation with an advisor, students can petition in advance the Program Committee to accept other elective courses toward the minor program if the content is 50% or more on the Arab World.

With prior consultation with an advisor, students can petition in advance the Program Committee to accept more than 4 units of MSA 181C and/or MSA 182C towards the minor program.

Total Units **20-31**

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.