

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, MINOR

² The language requirement may be waived if a student demonstrates intermediate-level proficiency in any language of the Middle East that is approved by the Department of World Languages and Cultures

A Minor in Middle Eastern Studies offers students an opportunity to complement their academic major with an interdisciplinary exploration of one of the world's most important regions. This program, which draws upon faculty and courses from many departments, is aimed at preparing students to better understand the languages, cultures, and political systems of the Middle East. It affords them the opportunity to study art and history, three of the world's major religions, international relations, and the languages of the Middle East, among other subjects. The language component (two semesters) is designed to introduce students to one of the languages of the Middle East, as well as the cultures and social customs of that region. Arabic is the only Middle Eastern language currently offered at NJCU. Other languages spoken in the region, such as Hebrew and Farsi, may be substituted for Arabic. Depending on their proficiency level, students may be exempted from taking one or both courses in the area of language. Proficiency can be demonstrated through language tests that would result in six or more course credits from NJCU, such as the CLEP or the OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview).

The Minor in Middle Eastern Studies consists of a 18-credit sequence that includes two semesters of language study and four elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Take 6 credits in Language		6
LANG 131	Elementary Arabic I ^{1,2}	3
LANG 132	Elementary Arabic II ^{1,2}	3
OR		
Equivalent credits/proficiency in another language of the Middle East (Hebrew or Farsi) may be substituted in lieu of these language requirements		
Restricted Multidisciplinary Electives		
Select 12 credits from the following courses:		12
ENGL 322	Middle Eastern Literature: Writing Beyond Modernity	3
ENGL 328	Literature of the Crusades	3
ENGL 389	Literature of the Palestine - Israel Conflict	3
HIST 168	Middle East, Past and Present	3
HIST 357	The Ottoman Empire	3
HIST 359	The Silk Road	3
HIST 376	The Twentieth Century Middle East	3
LANG 145	9/11 Before and After	3
LANG 275	Islam Today	3
PHIL 324	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	3
POLI 224	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	3
POLI 324	International Relations in the Middle East	3
Total Credits		18

¹ Elementary Arabic I and II is the only Middle Eastern language sequence currently offered at NJCU