

MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES (MINOR)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2024–Spring 2025 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): MEISMINOR

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Humanities		
One course in Arabic at the 200 level or above		3
One additional Humanities course, selected from the following:		3
Additional coursework in Arabic (200 level or above)		
HUM 306	Survey of Islamic Thought, Religion and Culture	
HUM 313	Introduction to the Qur'an	
HUM 316	Modern Islamic Thought	
HUM/PAS 349	African Americans & Islam	
Social Sciences		
Two Social Sciences courses, selected from the following list:		6
ANTH 319	Cultures of the Middle East	
HIST 341	The Ancient Near East	
HIST 356	Islamic Middle East	
HIST 360	The Origins of Islam	
HIST 503	Advanced Studies in History	
HIST 594	Studies in Middle Eastern History - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
POLS 355	Introduction to Middle East Politics	
POLS 356	Political Islam	
POLS 363	Politics of Oil	
PAS/HUM 349	African Americans and Islam	
SOC 460	Gender in the Middle East	
Middle East and Islamic Studies Electives		
Two additional courses, selected from the following list:		6
ANTH 319	Cultures of the Middle East	
ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees	
HIST 310	Studies in History ¹	
HIST 341	The Ancient Near East	
HIST 344	Introduction to Ancient Egypt.	
HIST 345	Culture of the Ancient Near East	
HIST 356	Islamic Middle East	
HIST 357	Middle Eastern History, 1453 to the Present - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
HIST 360	The Origins of Islam	
HIST 362	The United States and the Middle East	
HIST 369	French Empire	

HIST 503	Advanced Studies in History
HIST 594	Studies in Middle Eastern History - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
HUM 306	Survey of Islamic Thought, Religion and Culture
HUM 220	Introduction to Jewish Cultures - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
HUM 312	New Testament
HUM 313	Introduction to the Qur'an
HUM 316	Modern Islamic Thought
HUM/PAS 349	African Americans & Islam
HUM 383	The Mediterranean and Culture
HUM 514	Perspectives on Religious Coexistence and Conflict
POLS 355	Introduction to Middle East Politics
POLS 356	Political Islam
POLS 363	Politics of Oil
SOC 460	Gender in the Middle East

Minimum Total Hours 18

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.

¹ May be used as a MEIS elective when its topic is appropriate and approved by the MEIS director.

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