The Middle East and North Africa region is home to a wide range of peoples and cultures and has a crucial place in the history of societies and cultures. It is also in the midst of grave instability and unrest, which has global consequences.

The Middle East–North Africa studies minor is a broad examination of the Middle East and North Africa region. The minor requires a minimum of 24 credits and one of three concentrations: language study, study abroad, or research. The minor is designed to offer flexibility so that students may focus on particular areas of interest while providing them with an introduction to critical issues in the contemporary Middle East and North Africa.

**Participating Faculty**
- Michael Allan, comparative literature
- Judith R. Baskin, religious studies
- Diane Baxter, anthropology
- Shaul Cohen, geography
- Rick Colby, religious studies
- Jane Cramer, political science
- Alex Dracobly, political science
- Stephen Dueppen, anthropology
- Hanan Elsherif, religious studies
- David Frank, honors college
- Deborah Green, Judaic studies
- David Hollenberg, religious studies
- Farhad Malekzahi, political science
- Michael Malek Najjar, theater arts
- Lindsey Mazurek, history
- Stephen Shoemaker, religious studies
- Priscilla Southwell, political science
- David Wacks, Romance languages
- Anita Weiss, international studies

**Minor in Middle East–North Africa Studies**

Students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 24 credits of coursework. Courses applied toward the minor must be passed with a C– or better or P (pass). Of the 24 credits, a minimum of 20 must be graded. Students must take a minimum of 16 credits in residence. In addition, students must complete an area of concentration (language, study abroad, or research). Some credits toward the concentration may be used to satisfy the 24 credits of course work, as described below. Because not every course in the follow list of ‘Requirements’ will be offered regularly enough or at a time that fits each students’ schedules, students are encouraged to contact the Program Director to discuss potential substitutions when such issues arise.

**Requirements**

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1. Taken as applicable and/or available.

**Electives.** Of the 16 required credits in elective courses, 8 must be drawn from social science courses and 8 must be drawn from humanities courses, as listed of below. Confer with a program advisor to determine other applicable courses not listed below. Check for courses with Middle East–North Africa (MENA) themes listed in the Schedule of Classes each term; courses listed under MENA count toward the minor. In addition, students may petition the director of the minor for the inclusion of other applicable MENA-related courses that have at least 50 percent Middle East–North Africa content.

A minimum of 12 credits must be in upper-division courses (300 or 400 level). No more than 8 elective credits from any one department may count toward the minor. Courses must be taken from a minimum of three departments.

The social science and humanities elective course lists are not exhaustive, as new courses are added periodically. Other courses may count toward these requirements. See the program advisor and/or the Middle East–North Africa studies entry in the Schedule of Classes for up-to-date information.

**Social Science Electives**
- Archaeology of Egypt and Near East (ANTH 342)
- Experimental Course: [Topic] (CRES 410) (Working Abroad)
- Israel and Palestine (CRES 435)
- Geography of the Middle East and North Africa (GEOG 209)
- Honors College Social Science Colloquium: [Topic] (HC 431H) (The Politics of Human Rights)
In order to complete the Language Center, students may earn university credit for courses taken. Turkish and Persian-Farsi are offered through the Yamada Center (1–3 credits per term). In order to complete the minimum one-year requirement for Turkish and Persian, students must take the New York University 12-point Foreign Language Proficiency Examination. Students who receive 12 points on the exam have satisfactorily completed the minimum one-year language requirement.

In addition, students may complete a second year of a MENA language and apply 8 credits of this work toward satisfaction of the humanities credits requirements.

**Study-Abroad or Internship Concentration.** Students spend a minimum of one term in an approved study-abroad or internship program in a Middle Eastern–North African country.

Currently, there are 19 study-abroad programs offered through the UO, in Jordan, Morocco, Israel, Turkey, and Tunisia. All of these programs meet the study-abroad requirement option. Other programs through accredited universities and organizations may be accepted for university credit and for the study-abroad requirement option. For these programs to count toward the concentration, the student must meet with the minor advisor. Students planning on the study-abroad or internship option must meet with the program advisor to discuss the study-abroad program that fits with the objectives of the minor.

The UO participates in IE3 Global, which offers internships in Tunisia and counts toward the study-abroad or internship requirement. Other internship possibilities may be available. For these programs to count toward the concentration, the student must meet with the minor advisor and have it approved before signing up for the internship program.

Once students return from their study-abroad or internship experience, they must write a five- to six-page reflection of their experiences abroad, to be read and approved by the minor advisor. As noted, the minor advisor must approve courses taken abroad and the structure and content of an internship in advance. With the approval of the advisor, up to 8 credits taken abroad may count toward the overall minor requirement of 24 credits.

**Research Concentration.** Students write a high-quality, 15- to 20-page research paper on a MENA-related topic. For this pathway, students work with a professor who guides their research, monitors their progress, and approves their completed research paper. To research and write their paper, students may select to enroll in a 401 (Research) or 405 (Reading and Conference) course. Four credits of 401 or 405 may apply to the 24-credit requirement.