

MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES & CULTURES: CULTURES AND SOCIETIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, MINOR

Like the corresponding major, the Cultures and Societies of the Middle East minor broadly explores the cultures, societies, religions, and literary traditions of the greater Middle East including Arabia, the Levant, Mesopotamia, Iran and the Persianate world, Egypt and the Nile Valley, North Africa (including the Maghreb), and Asia Minor (including present-day Turkey). It enables students to develop an understanding of deep continuities through time, and close connections among the cultures of the region and adjacent areas. The minor does not include language coursework and consists of 6 CU. Students in this minor must complete the department's two foundational courses: MELC 0001 (Introduction to the Ancient Middle East) and MELC 0002 (Introduction to the Middle East). Additionally, students must fulfill 1 CU in introductory or upper-level coursework in Ancient Middle East or Hebrew and Judaic Studies (1 CU); and Societies and Cultures of the Islamic World or the Modern Middle East (1 CU). The final 2 CU are electives in intermediate or more advanced coursework. These courses should be chosen as appropriate in consultation with the student's minor advisor after discussing the student's particular intellectual interests.

Code	Title	Course Units
Requirements		
<i>Core Requirement</i>		
MELC 0001	Introduction to the Ancient Middle East	1
MELC 0002	Introduction to the Middle East	1
<i>Ancient Middle East or Hebrew and Judaic Studies</i>		
Select 1 CU in either Ancient Middle East or Hebrew and Judaic Studies:		1
MELC 0003	Origin and Culture of Cities	
<i>Ancient Middle East</i>		
MELC 0004	Myths and Religions of the Ancient World	
MELC 0050	Ancient Civilizations of the World	
MELC 0100	Archaeology & The Bible	
MELC 0102	Reading Ancient Mesopotamia	
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MELC 0200	Land of the Pharaohs	
MELC 0205	Literary Legacy of Ancient Egypt	
MELC 0210	Art and Architecture in Ancient Egypt	
MELC 0215	The Religion of Ancient Egypt	
MELC 0225	The World of Cleopatra	
MELC 0905	Water in the Middle East Throughout History	
MELC 1000	Iraq: Ancient Cities and Empires	
MELC 1010	History and Society of Early Mesopotamia	
MELC 1100	History of Ancient Egypt	
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<i>Hebrew and Judaic Studies</i>		
MELC 0305	Great Books of Judaism	
MELC 0325	Jewish Mysticism	
MELC 0330	Themes Jewish Tradition	
MELC 0335	Jewish Humor	
MELC 1300	Jewish Folklore	
MELC 1310	Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature	
MELC 1325	Jews and Christians	
MELC 1400	The Making of Scripture	
MELC 3300	Jewish Magic	
MELC 4305	Spirit and Law	
HEBR 4000	Rabbinic Writers on Rabbinic Culture	
Select 1 CU in either Societies and Cultures of the Islamic World or Modern Middle East:		1
<i>Societies and Cultures of the Islamic World</i>		
MELC 0400	Getting Crusaded	
MELC 0500	Introduction to the Qur'an	
MELC 0510	Muhammad and Society	
MELC 2510	Introduction to Islamic Law	
MELC 1001	The Arabian Nights	
MELC 3400	Age of Caliphs, 600-1100	
MELC 4505	Islamic Intellectual Tradition	
<i>Modern Middle East</i>		
MELC 0600	The Middle East through Many Lenses	
MELC 0620	Food in the Islamic Middle East: History, Memory, Identity	
MELC 1600	North Africa: History, Culture, Society	
MELC 1605	Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Middle East: Historical Perspectives	
MELC 1610	Nationalism and Communal Identity in the Middle East	
MELC 1615	Migration and the Middle East	
MELC 1620	Middle Eastern Jews in Israel	
MELC 2900	Who Owns the Past? Archaeology and Politics in the Middle East	
<i>Intermediate or Advanced Electives</i>		
Select 2 CU from all of the above categories or courses in the Literary and Visual Cultures		2
<i>Methods in Literary and Visual Cultures</i>		
MELC 0102	Reading Ancient Mesopotamia	
MELC 0205	Literary Legacy of Ancient Egypt	
MELC 0305	Great Books of Judaism	
MELC 0610	Modern Middle Eastern Literature in Translation	
MELC 0615	Modern Arabic Literature	
MELC 0700	Iranian Cinema: Gender, Politics and Religion	
MELC 1200	The Bible in Translation	
MELC 1310	Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature	
MELC 1700	Introduction to Persian Poetic Tradition	
MELC 2705	Media and Culture in Contemporary Iran	
HEBR 4000	Rabbinic Writers on Rabbinic Culture	
Total Course Units		6

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
