

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR

Overview

Few parts of our world are more in the news or more vital to the international interests of the United States than the Middle East. Business, mass media, law firms, governmental and non-governmental bodies, philanthropic organizations, relief and aid agencies, human rights groups, graduate and professional schools are all eager to recruit individuals well-versed in the complexities and intricacies of Middle Eastern/North African culture, history, religion, civilization, economics, and politics.

Fordham University is one of the few institutions of higher learning in the United States that offers an interdisciplinary, intercampus, undergraduate major in Middle Eastern studies. This program trains and equips students to step into challenging positions related to Middle East affairs.

Requirements

All students who minor in Middle East studies must complete a minimum of six courses composed of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
THEO 3711	Sacred Texts of the Middle East	3
or THEO 3715	Classic Islamic Texts	
MEST 2000	Introduction to the Modern Middle East	4
MEST 4001	Seminar: Middle East	4
Electives		
Select three electives ¹		

¹ Any course with the MEST subject code or the MEST attribute code may fulfill this requirement.

Majors and minors are strongly advised to study a Middle Eastern language. Modern standard Arabic is regularly offered in the college and will satisfy the college's language proficiency requirement. If a student has satisfied the language proficiency requirement through a non-Middle Eastern language, as many as two courses in a Middle Eastern language may be counted toward the eight-course requirement for the major and six-course requirement for the minor.

Availability

The minor in Middle East studies is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies may minor in Middle East studies only if they receive the approval of their advising dean and/or department, and their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.