MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC STUDIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Students in the MEIS minor will have a wealth of opportunities to enhance their studies by doing internships and by enrolling in study abroad programs. Our proximity to New York City adds a tremendous pool of internship opportunities for the students in the minor. Local outreach opportunities in New Jersey involving communities of Middle Eastern and Islamic cultural heritage will also be made accessible to the students in the minor.

Students are invited to discuss these experiential learning opportunities with the director. The minor can be combined with any field.

Students completing the minor will acquire knowledge and interdisciplinary tools of analysis to understand the Middle East region and its significance globally. The minor will expose students to future career and development opportunities related to the study of the Middle East and Islam. Some of the possible career opportunities include employment in The United Nations, Education, International organizations, International business and law, and Public Health, as well as working as Think Tank and pursuing a graduate degree.

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ABOUT MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC STUDIES (MEIS)

The Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (MEIS) minor at Rutgers University-Newark is committed to several educational goals: (1) to provide our students with knowledge of the history and culture of Middle Eastern countries and Islamic civilization, with a strong global and interdisciplinary focus; (2) to provide our students with knowledge of the history and culture of Middle Eastern and/or Muslim populations in the United States, as well as their political and economic situation; (3) to provide rigorous liberal-arts training to students enrolled in the minor by honing critical thinking and writing skills; (4) to develop our students’ academic proficiency in languages of the Middle East; (5) to give students an introduction to the modes of inquiry of several academic disciplines through the lens of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies.

Students may choose courses from an array of Departments and programs across the University including the Departments of African American and African Studies, English, History, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, Spanish and Portuguese Studies. Therefore, students are offered the opportunity to acquire a broad knowledge of the Middle East and Islam, from the perspective of different disciplines.

A PERSONALIZED COURSE OF STUDY

In consultation with the director of the Middle Studies minor, students can construct a personalized course of study according to their academic, professional, and personal interests. The minor requires that students complete 18 credits chosen from Core and Elective courses. At least three (3) courses in Core courses must be taken from at least two different departments. A grade of C or higher is required for each course applied to the minor. A list of courses that can be used to satisfy the MEIS minor requirements can be obtained in the Department of History or by visiting history.newark.rutgers.edu.

The director will consider other classes with related content for minor credits. If you have a question about whether a particular class can count, be sure to consult the director of the minor in advance.

COURSES

Core Courses:
Africana Studies
014:390 Islam in the African-American Experience

English
350:338 Topics Literature: Transnational Muslim Fiction
350:389 Topics in Global Literature: War and Representation in the Modern Middle East
350:389 Topics in Global Literature: Reading Middle Eastern Cities

History
510:227 Topics in History: Mediterranean Identities
510:287 History of Islamic Civilization I
510:288 History of Islamic Civilization II
510:337 The History of Iran
510:338 The Ottoman Empire
510:339 The West, Islam, and the Middle East
510:361 The Modern Middle East
510:404 Topics Intellectual History: Zionism since 1948
510:397 Honors Non-American: Muslim, Christians, Jews in Medieval Iberia
510:397 Honors Non-American: Migrations in the Modern Middle East
510:433 Topics in Islamic History: Science, Medicine, Technology

COURSES (CONT.)

Political Science
790:333 Government and Politics of the Middle East
790:334 International Relations of the Middle East
790:465 Topics in Comparative Politics: Women, Gender & the Middle East
790:466 Topics Global Politics: Global Politics of Islam

Sociology and Anthropology
070:310 Comparative Religion [cross-listed as 920:340 Sociology of Religion]
920:360 Sociology of Contemporary Islam(s)
920:394 Topical Issues in Sociology: Urban Space and Conflict in the Middle East

Spanish and Portuguese
074:101 Elementary Modern Arabic I
074:102 Elementary Modern Arabic II
074:131 Intermediate Modern Arabic I
074:132 Intermediate Modern Arabic II
074:220 Contemporary Arabic Language and Culture I
074:221 Contemporary Arabic Language and Culture II
074:245 Arab Society and Media
074:301 Quranic Arabic I
074:302 Quranic Arabic II
074:311 Arabic Literature in English Translation I
074:312 Arabic Literature in English Translation II
074:353 Independent Study in Arabic I
074:354 Independent Study in Arabic II
074:396 Introduction to Arabic Music

Elective Courses:
082:291 Representing Gender in the Modern Middle East
082:290 Introduction to Islamic Architecture
082:289 Introduction to Islamic Art and Visual Culture
082:306 Imagining the Orient: 19th Century Art in the Mediterranean
350:352 Survey of World Literature: Elizabethan Drama
510:286 The Ancient Near East
510:365 Islam, Africa and the Contemporary World
510:379 Colonialism and Decolonization
510:407 Topics in Ancient History II: The History of Early Christianity
840:456 Rumi seminar