Middle East and North Africa Studies

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The Middle East and North Africa Studies program provides students an opportunity to achieve a functional proficiency in Arabic complemented by a broad knowledge of the history, society, theology, philosophy and media of the Arabic-speaking region.

Middle East and North Africa Studies Major

The interdisciplinary major requires 30–32 credits, depending on the student's proficiency in Arabic upon beginning the program. The credits fall into three categories. Foundational courses in Arabic language study (6–8 credits). Context courses on the historical, theological, social and cultural contexts underpinning the field of Middle East and North Africa studies (12 credits). Elective courses (9-12 credits) allow students to focus their studies or expand their knowledge base.

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Additional electives - Choose two from the preceding lists.

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3. Students may take THEO 2000 Memory and the Making of the Old Testament or THEO 2500 Theologies of Nonviolence as an elective course only if they have not taken it as a foundational course.

Middle East and North Africa Studies Minor

The interdisciplinary minor requires 18–20 credits, depending on the student's proficiency in Arabic upon beginning the program. Foundational courses in Arabic language study (6–8 credits). Electives (12 credits) from historical, theological, social and cultural context courses.

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