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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### Middle East and North Africa Studies Minor

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Total Credit Hours: 18-20

Notes:

1. In addition to the courses listed, students may apply as electives study abroad courses relevant to Middle East and North Africa studies with the approval of the program director.

2. Students may take ARBC 3001 Grammar Review and Skills Development and ARBC 3002 Spoken Arabic as electives courses only if they have not taken them as foundational courses.