

The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean's office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor *in addition to* and as a *complement to* a major. The University does not award stand-alone minors.

Minor in Islamic Studies

The interdisciplinary minor in Islamic Studies provides the opportunity to study the culture, language, literature, religion, history and philosophy of Islam throughout the world from antiquity to the present. Students will acquire a rounded understanding of Islamic culture, the ability to interpret information and news from the Middle East and elsewhere in an independent way, with understanding of the issues from the perspective of the Muslim countries, and will be prepared to pursue careers that require a knowledge of Islamic civilization.

The minor in Islamic Studies requires 18 hours of course work as follows:

1. **Minor Requirements** (6 hours)

AIS 328 Islamic Civilization I	3
AIS 330 Islamic Civilization II	3

2. **Minor Electives** (12 hours)

AIS 101 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic	4
AIS 102 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic	4
AIS 201 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	3
AIS 202 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	3
AIS 301 Colloquial Arabic I	3

AIS 302 Colloquial Arabic II	3
AIS 331 Classical Arabic Literature (in English)	3
AIS 338 Women and Islam	3
AIS 340 Fundamentalism and Reform in Islam	3
AIS 395 Independent Work in Arabic/Islamic Studies	1-3
AIS 440 Introduction to the Quran	3
AIS 442 Arabic Reading I	3
AIS 443 Arabic Reading II	3
AIS 435 Topics in Islamic Studies: (Subtitle required)	3
AIS 495G Advanced Independent Work in Arabic/Islamic Studies	1-3
PHI 504 Islamic and Jewish Philosophy and the Classical Tradition	3
HIS 548 History of the Middle East: 1453-1920	3
HIS 549 History of the Middle East: 1952 to the Present	3

Note: Other courses in the area may be elected with the approval of the chair of the department.

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