

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, MINOR

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES)

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES) is a multidisciplinary program that aims to enrich the understanding of a broadly conceived "Asia" in relation to other parts of the world. The AMES curriculum includes the study of history, politics, religion, literature, fine and media arts, performance, expressive and ritual culture, and the major languages of the region. Its curriculum consists of course offerings encompassing a diverse range of topics that involve East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific. Students select a track in either East Asian Studies or Middle Eastern Studies. The AMES curriculum includes four minor programs of study including minors in East Asian Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, South Asian Studies and Comparative and Diaspora Studies of Asia and the Middle East. AMES concentrators and AMES minors are encouraged to combine their academic study with service learning, study away, or study abroad.

AMES concentrators are required to complete 38 credit hours, including AMES 250 Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (core course) and AMES 493 Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (capstone course). AMES students are encouraged to look into allied programs such as Global Studies for complementary courses and intellectual exchange. Students are encouraged to pursue advanced research through AMES 495 Senior Honors in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies-AMES 496 Senior Honors in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Senior Honors). Please consult with a faculty member in AMES if you are interested in the program.

Required Credit Hours: 18

Core Requirements

A minor in Middle Eastern Studies requires 18 semester credit hours in the interdisciplinary field of Middle Eastern Studies. No more than 50 percent of the credit hours can be taken in any one academic department and at least 9 of the 18 semester credit hours should be taken at the 300-400 level. Courses taken while participating in William and Mary's approved study-abroad programs can count towards the minor. Minors are encouraged to take AMES 250 Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Courses for this minor can be selected from the list for Middle Eastern Studies. Students are required to take any two courses from the following:

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 331	Culture and Society in the Middle East and North Africa	3
ANTH 333	Anthropology of Islam	3
ANTH 350	Special Topics in Anthropology (Middle Eastern Topics Only)	3-4
ANTH 470	Senior Seminar (Middle Eastern Topics Only)	4
ARAB 310	Topics in Modern Arabic Literature in Translation	3-4
ARAB 311	Special Topics in Arabic Culture	3
ARTH 330	Topics in Art History (Middle Eastern Topics Only)	1-4
GOVT 339	Middle Eastern Political Systems	3
HIST 171	History of the Middle East to 1400	3
HIST 172	Hist Middle East since 1400	3

MUSC 367	Topics in Ethnomusicology (Middle Eastern Topics Only)	3
MUSC 372	Music Cultures of the Middle East	4
RELG 212	Introduction to Islam	3
RELG 317	Women in Islam: Tradition and Change	3
RELG 318	Islam in the Modern World	3