

ARAB CROSSROADS STUDIES (MINOR)

Program Description

Arab Crossroads Studies takes advantage of Abu Dhabi's geographical location in the Arabian Peninsula, at the crossroads of the three continents of the Eastern hemisphere: Africa, Asia, and Europe. It uses this location to think through the broader interactions of the Arab world with the surrounding regions, and as an invitation to investigate the historical and contemporary religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the Arabic-speaking world. In doing so, it provides a portal for the global NYU community to study and engage with the social, cultural and intellectual diversity of the Arab world and its neighbors.

The historical, sociopolitical, and cultural interactions among these regions have opened engaging domains of study in both the humanities and social sciences. One example of these interactions can be seen in the Gulf, where the flow of people, ideas, and commodities has resulted in cosmopolitan and culturally hybrid setting for many centuries. The historical archives testify to this richness, which can also be gleaned from the artistic, architectural and musical developments, the variety of spoken languages, and the diversity of people who now live in the Gulf region. Similar sites of intense interaction can be found in the Levant, Central Asia, West and East Africa, as well as South Asia, and ACS courses consider regions such as these particularly productive for studying the Arab world's diversity. Yet ACS courses move beyond geographic descriptions to consider thematic approaches to the Arab world's diversity that consider more specific religious, historical, political, anthropological, literary and artistic topics.

The goal of the Minor in Arab Crossroads Studies is to provide students with a strong foundation in the historical, social, and cultural realities of the region. Besides being personally and intellectually enriching, the Minor in Arab Crossroads Studies is a useful preparation for the many professions that benefit from a deeper knowledge of the Arab world and surrounding regions, including education, development, journalism, law, public service, diplomacy, politics, and business. Requirements for the Minor in Arab Crossroads Studies include four courses: Emergence of the Modern Middle East; Anthropology and the Arab World; Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature and Society; and one non-language elective which must be approved in advance by the student's mentor.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Required Courses		
ACS-UH 1010X or SRPP-UH 2416X	Anthropology and the Arab World Gulf Urban Societies	4
ACS-UH 1011X or LITCW-UH 2312X	Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature Masterpieces of Pre-Modern Arabic Literature in Translation	4
ACS-UH 1012X or ACS-UH 1410X	Emergence of the Modern Middle East Making of the Muslim Middle East	4
Minor Elective		

Select one non-language Arab Crossroads Studies Elective	4
Total Credits	16

Arab Crossroads Studies Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ACS-UH 1214X	Quran as Literature	4
ACS-UH 1410X	Making of the Muslim Middle East	4
ACS-UH 1412X	Race and Ethnicity in the Histories of the Middle East and Africa	4
ACS-UH 1610X	Feminism and Islamism in the Middle East and North Africa	4
ACS-UH 1612X	Energy and Society in the Gulf	4
ACS-UH 2410X	Paradise Lost: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Al-Andalus	4
ACS-UH 2417	Ottoman Crossroads	4
ACS-UH 2419X	Sufism	4
ACS-UH 2613X	Youth in the Middle East	4
ACS-UH 2614X	Colonization of Palestine	4
ACS-UH 2615X	Arab Genders and Sexualities	4
ANTH-UH 2114X	Listening to Islam	4
ANTH-UH 2116	Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East	4
AW-UH 1113X	Alexander and the East: Central Asia and the Mediterranean from the Achaemenid Period	4
AW-UH 1114	Doing Archeology: Case Studies from Western Asia	4
AW-UH 1115X	Political Past, Political Presents: Archaeology and the Politics of Memory in the 'Near East'	4
AW-UH 1118	Archaeology, Arabia and the Bible	4
AW-UH 1119X	Sacred Cities: Jerusalem and Mecca	4
AW-UH 1120X	Archaeology of the Gulf	4
CCEA-UH 1077X	Islamism, Islamophobia, and Muslim Popular Culture	4
CCEA-UH 1078X	Representing the Middle East: Issues in the Politics of Culture	4
CCEA-UH 1114X	Sexualities of the Middle East: A Cultural History	4
CSTS-UH 1052X	History and the Environment: The Middle East	4
CSTS-UH 1059X	Urban Violence: The Middle East	4
ECON-UH 2451X	Economic History of the Middle East	4
ECON-UH 3511X	Islamic Economics and Finance	4
HERST-UH 1100	World Heritage Sites & Universal Collections	4
HERST-UH 1101X	Heritage Management in the Arabian World	4
HERST-UH 1501	Experimenting with the Past: Cultural Heritage Connections in the Gulf and Western Indian Ocean	4
HIST-UH 1126X	Digital History	4
HIST-UH 3510X	Muslim Societies in African History	4
HIST-UH 3513X	Religion and Material Culture in the Indian Ocean World	4
HIST-UH 3710X	Central Asia and the Middle East	4
LAW-UH 2115X	Comparative Legal Systems: United States and United Arab Emirates	4
LAW-UH 2122X	Introduction to Islamic Law	4
LAW-UH 2126X	International Commercial Arbitration: From Ancient Arabia to Contemporary Singapore	4
PHIL-UH 2211X	Classical Arabic Philosophy	4

POLSC-UH 1114	War on Terrorism	4
POLSC-UH 2421X	Political Economy of the Middle East	4
POLSC-UH 2422X	North African Politics	4
POLSC-UH 3212	Qualitative Methods in Middle East Politics	4
SRPP-UH 1413X	Social Change and Development in the Arab World	4
SRPP-UH 1810X	Islam and Society	4
SRPP-UH 2211	Ethnographic Field Research	4
SRPP-UH 2412X	Islamist Social Movements in the Middle East	4
SRPP-UH 2416X	Gulf Urban Societies	4
SRPP-UH 2612X	State Formation: The Case of the United Arab Emirates	4
SRPP-UH 2614X	Women and Work in the Gulf	4
SRPP-UH 2801X	Community- Engaged Scholarship: Addressing Social Hierarchies in the UAE	4

Policies

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NYU Abu Dhabi Policies

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