

ARAB MUSIC STUDIES (MINOR)

Program Description

Arab Music Studies is an interdisciplinary field concerned with the production and dissemination of knowledge about Arab music as a repertoire (or set of repertoires), system of musical practice, and cultural phenomenon. The minor in Arab music studies offers students an opportunity to explore Arab history, society, and culture from a musical direction. It is expected to appeal to students interested in pursuing careers in the arts (especially in the MENA) and/or graduate work in anthropology, ethnomusicology, or Middle Eastern studies. The minor emphasizes hands-on training in Arab music performance, but prior experience in music performance is not required or even expected for students who undertake it.

The Arab Music Studies minor consists of one required course in Music, "Arab Music Cultures," which is offered every year; one course in Arab Crossroads; and at least eight credits (generally four courses) in the area of Arab music performance (oud, Arab percussion, etc.). For the Arab Crossroads course, students may choose between "Anthropology and the Arab World", "Emergence of the Modern Middle East", and "Intro to Modern Arabic Literature". Arabic language courses do not count toward the minor.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Course		
MUSIC-UH 1611X	Arab Music Cultures	4
Electives		
<i>Arab Crossroads Elective</i>		
Select one Arab Crossroads elective		4
<i>Arab Music Electives</i>		
Select eight credits (generally 4 courses) in Arab music performance of the following:		8
CCEA-UH 1104J	Music and Society: Fostering Belonging and Becoming	
MUSIC-UH 1204	Beginning Group Music Instruction - Oud	
MUSIC-UH 1208	Beginner Group Music Instruction - Arabic Percussion	
MUSIC-UH 1220	Music Ensembles	
MUSIC-UH 1251	Individual Music Instruction 1	
MUSIC-UH 1252	Individual Music Instruction 2	
MUSIC-UH 1615JX	Engaging Khaleeji Musical Heritage: An Introduction to Applied Ethnomusicology	
MUSIC-UH 1617X	Popular Music in the Arab World	
MUSIC-UH 1619JX	Arab Jewish Musical Legacies	
MUSIC-UH 2201	Continuing Group Music Instruction	

MUSIC-UH 2251	Individual Music Instruction 3	
MUSIC-UH 2252	Individual Music Instruction 4	
MUSIC-UH 3251	Individual Music Instruction 5	
MUSIC-UH 3252	Individual Music Instruction 6	
Total Credits		16

Arab Crossroad Studies Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ACS-UH 1214X	Quran as Literature	4
ACS-UH 1410X	Making of the Muslim Middle East	4
ACS-UH 1411X	First Islamic World Empire: The Abbasids	4
ACS-UH 1412X	Race and Ethnicity in the Histories of the Middle East and Africa	4
ACS-UH 1413J	Ancient Arabia: Archaeology at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bat, Oman	4
ACS-UH 1610X	Feminism and Islamism in the Middle East and North Africa	4
ACS-UH 1611JX	Politics of Heritage in the Arabian Peninsula	4
ACS-UH 2410X	Paradise Lost: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Al-Andalus	4
ACS-UH 2411X	Heritage, History and Memory in the Modern "Middle East"	4
ACS-UH 2412JX	Interwoven Pasts of Spain and Morocco	4
ACS-UH 2414X	Jews in the Muslim World in the Middle Ages	4
ACS-UH 2416JX	Oasis, Coast and Mountain: Landscapes of History and Culture in the UAE and Oman	4
ACS-UH 2417	Ottoman Crossroads	4
ACS-UH 2418X	Politics and Cultures of Nationalism in the Modern Middle East	4
ACS-UH 2419X	Sufism	4
ACS-UH 2420JX	Gendering Decolonization in the Middle East	4
ACS-UH 2421JX	Islamic Architecture as a Design Category	4
ACS-UH 2611X	War and Media in the Middle East	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
ANTH-UH 2117J	Migration and Displacement Across the Red Sea	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
BUSOR-UH 1014JX	The Gulf: A 21st Century Hub for Finance, Trade and Energy	4

CADT-UH 1044JX	Sensory Ethnographic Methods in Kerala: Documenting Tradition, Documenting Change	4	SRPP-UH 1810X	Islam and Society	4
CCEA-UH 1078X	Representing the Middle East: Issues in the Politics of Culture	4	SRPP-UH 1814J	Language, Religion, and Ethnicity	4
CCEA-UH 1080JX	Food, Culture, and Politics	4	SRPP-UH 2211	Ethnographic Field Research	4
CCEA-UH 1086JX	Pandemics in Iberian History	4	SRPP-UH 2412X	Islamist Social Movements in the Middle East	4
CCEA-UH 1114X	Sexualities of the Middle East: A Cultural History	4	SRPP-UH 2416X	Gulf Urban Societies	4
CCEA-UH 1118JX	Religion and Cultural Encounter at African Crossroads	4	SRPP-UH 2612X	State Formation: The Case of the United Arab Emirates	4
CCEA-UH 1120J	Forgotten Monasteries and Lost Cities: The History & Archaeology of Siniya Island	4	SRPP-UH 2614X	Women and Work in the Gulf	4
CCEA-UH 1128JX	Loss and Nostalgia: Mourning Al Andalus	4	SRPP-UH 2624JX	Disability in a Global Context: Advancing Inclusion in the UAE	4
CCEA-UH 1131JX	When the Moors Ruled in Europe: Medieval Convivencia and its Cultural Legacies	4	SRPP-UH 2625JX	Making Women Matter: Case Studies from the GCC	4
CCEA-UH 1135JX	Post-Ottoman Worlds and Beyond: Memory of the Past and Imagining the Future	4	SRPP-UH 2801X	Community- Engaged Scholarship: Addressing Social Hierarchies in the UAE	4
CSTS-UH 1052X	History and the Environment: The Middle East	4	URBAN-UH 1123J	Transnational City: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Beyond	4
CSTS-UH 1059X	Urban Violence: The Middle East	4			
CSTS-UH 1107J	Transnational Cities: Abu Dhabi, Paris, Dubai	4			
CSTS-UH 1138JX	Greening of Arabian Gulf Cities: Megaurbanization for Sustainable Development	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 1301J	Cultural Heritage and Mass Atrocities	4			
HERST-UH 1501	Experimenting with the Past: Cultural Heritage Connections in the Gulf and Western Indian Ocean	4			
HERST-UH 2300JX	Sharing Heritage of the Arabian Trade Routes	4			
HIST-UH 2715JX	Arab Crossroads: Asia Before and After Genghis Khan	4			
HIST-UH 3510X	Muslim Societies in African History	4			
HIST-UH 3511X	Islam in the Indian Ocean World	4			
HIST-UH 3512J	Science and the Sea	4			
HIST-UH 3513X	Religion and Material Culture in the Indian Ocean World	4			
HIST-UH 3710X	Central Asia and the Middle East	4			
HIST-UH 3711	Cold War in 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 2125X	Islamic Law and Secular Politics	4			
LAW-UH 2126X	International Commercial Arbitration: From Ancient Arabia to Contemporary Singapore	4			
MCC-UH 1006J	Reporting Morocco	4			
PHIL-UH 2211X	Classical Arabic Philosophy	4			
POLSC-UH 1114	War on Terrorism	4			
POLSC-UH 2420J	From Abraham the Patriarch to the Abraham Accord	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			

Policies

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A full list of relevant policies can be found on NYU Abu Dhabi's undergraduate academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/abu-dhabi/academic-policies/>).