

# MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR

## Mission

The Middle East Studies minor (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/middle-east-studies-minor/>) focuses on a part of the world that has played a vital role in biblical and religious history, and continues to play a vital role in world politics today. Doing the coursework of this minor, which crosses several disciplines, and engaging with the professors that you'll get to know and the ideas that you'll wrestle with, is excellent preparation to be salt and light in the world. The study of the history, languages, cultures, religions and politics of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean world will prepare students to engage in the increasing international interest of this area.

## Curriculum Requirements

Students who wish to pursue a minor in Middle Eastern Studies must complete a minimum of 18 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
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### Program-Specific Core Curriculum Courses

Students are recommended to take the following courses as a part of their Core Curriculum requirements, total of 6 credits:

HIST 100	World Civilizations I	
HIST 101	World Civilizations II	

Foreign Language Recommendation: In order to fulfill Biola University's Core Curriculum requirement, students must obtain a minimum of 8 credits of foreign language. Students are encouraged to pursue study from the following languages: Biblical Hebrew or Arabic (both currently offered at Biola), Modern Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish

Biblical Studies: Among the 30 credits of Bible/theology courses required in Biblical studies, it is recommended that the following courses be included:

BBST 209	Old Testament History and Literature	
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BBST 465	Integration Seminar (should be taken as Israeli-Palestinian Conflicts)	

### Program Courses

History:

Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following: 6

HIST 430	History of the Jewish People	
HIST 441	History of the Middle East and Islam I	
HIST 442	History of the Middle East and Islam II	

Middle East Culture and Religion:

Select a minimum of 12 credits from the following: 12

ANTH 365	Biblical Archaeology: Ancient Near East	
ANTH 366	Biblical Archaeology: Palestine	
ENGL 481	Studies in World Literature	
HIST 304	Ancient Near East	
HIST 454	Arab-Israeli Conflict	

HIST 455	History of Israel and Zionism	
HIST 456	Muslim, Jewish and Christian Relations	
INCS 324	Understanding Islam and Islamic Theology	
INCS 325	Popular and Folk Islam	
INCS 447	Approaches to the Islamic World	
INCS 448	Topics in Islamic Studies	
POSC 206	Comparative Government	
POSC 207	International Relations	
POSC 480	Studies in Political Science <sup>1</sup>	

**Total Credits** 18

<sup>1</sup> Students should be taken as "Islamic Political Philosophy" or "Arab-Israeli Conflict."