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### **Proposed Revisions to the Minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies**

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to propose revisions to the undergraduate minor in **Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies**, which is housed in the Department of Religious Studies. The reason for this request is to recognize several new courses (2) and delete courses taught by faculty no longer at UNC (9) .

An edited version of the Undergraduate Bulletin section describing the minor is attached.

The chairs or directors of undergraduate studies of all departments offering these new courses have been contacted for their approval, with no objection.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Randall Styers  
Chair, Department of Religious Studies

## Minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies

The undergraduate minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies (ISME) is intended to offer students access to two complementary perspectives, the transregional study of Islam and Muslim societies in interaction with surrounding cultures, and the Middle East as a complex region seen through multiple disciplinary perspectives.

The minor consists of five courses, which must be taken in at least two different departments; at least one course must be from the Department of Religious Studies, and at least one course must be at an advanced level (400 and above). The two required core courses for the minor are the following:

- Introduction to Islamic civilization: HIST 138 or RELI 180, both of which cover material from the seventh century to 1500
- One of the following three courses: HIST 139, 276, or RELI 181

Three of the five required courses in the minor (including the core courses) must be selected from one of two subject categories—either Islamic studies or Middle Eastern studies—as indicated by the two lists of approved courses below. The other two courses must come from the other category.

### Islamic Studies

• ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681; ARTH 562; ARTH/ASIA 154, 251, [273](#), 458, 561; ASIA 59, ~~62~~, 331, ~~452~~; ~~ASIA/FREN 451~~; ASIA/HIST 135, 136, 138, 139; ASIA/RELI 180, 181, 582, 584; GEOG 448; GERM/RELI 218; PWAD/RELI 481; RELI 64, 185, 248, 289, 385, 480, 485, 580; SOCI 419

**Commented [SNJ1]:** Arts Under the Mughal Dynasty in India; active in CC

### Middle East Courses

• ARAB 150, 151, 350, ~~433~~, 434, 443, 452, 453, 468, ~~477~~; ASIA ~~51~~, 60, 64, ~~222~~, ~~225~~, 235, 357, 435, ~~455~~; ASIA/GEOG 447; ASIA/HIST 276, 277, 536, 538; ASIA/HIST/PWAD 275; ASIA/HIST/WMST 537; ASIA/RELI 583; GEOG 59; HEBR 142, 436; JWST/RELI 343, [PWAD 670](#)

**Commented [SNJ2]:** Peace Making in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict; active in CC.

One language course at level 5 or higher in Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Persian, or Turkish can count as a course toward the minor. Up to two courses in Islamic and Middle East studies at Duke University may count toward the minor if approved by the director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.

Although this minor is housed in the Department of Religious Studies, the director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations is responsible for advising all students who minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies.