The minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) offers a broad course of interdisciplinary and theoretically informed study of Islamic cultures. Students in the MEIS minor draw upon courses offered in the Department of Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, Hispanic Studies, History, Media and Cultural Studies, Religious Studies, Theatre, Political Science, and Women’s Studies.

Our courses offer a critical knowledge of the texts, practices, institutions, and histories of the Middle East and Islamic cultures.

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MEIS Advising
The MEIS minor is administered by the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs. Advising for students interested in the MEIS minor is available in Interdisciplinary Programs. The Office of Interdisciplinary Programs is located at 3111 Interdisciplinary Building South (INTS). Students may schedule an appointment with an advisor, by calling (951) 827-1583. Janice Wilkins is the advisor assigned to the Middle East and Islamic Studies minor (janice.wilkins@ucr.edu).

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Middle East and Islamic Studies
Courses
The MEIS minor requires students to take a minimum of six courses. Two of these courses must be selected from a list of required courses; the remaining four classes may be chosen from a list of elective courses.

Required Coursework
Select two courses from those listed below:
ARLC 001, GBST 169/ANTH 169, HIST 121, POSC 156, RLST 111, RLST 113, WMST 168

Elective Coursework
Select four courses from those listed below:
Arabic Literatures and Cultures
ARLC 120, ARLC 151/CPLT 151, ARLC 152/CPLT 152, ARLC 154/CPLT 154/PHIL 154, ARLC 156/CPLT 156
Anthropology
ANTH 136/SEAS 136, ANTH 1401
Asian Studies
AST 167/CPLT 167
Comparative Literature
CPLT 153
History
HIST 124, HIST 125, HIST 126
Middle East and Islamic Studies
MEIS 199
Political Science
POSC 107, POSC 120, POSC 133, POSC 152
Religious Studies
RLST 116, RLST 124K, RLST 149, RLST 150, RLST 151, RLST 155/PHIL 155
Theatre
THEA 191J
Women’s Studies
WMST 151, WMST 162