

## Middle East and Islamic Studies

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### Program Description

Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) is a minor that enables students from any discipline to gain an understanding of a most critical part of the world: home to our oldest civilizations, cradle to three great monotheistic religions, and a most vital and dynamic focus of current events. The minor reflects the need to understand more about this region, the peoples who live there, and the ways that Islam has shaped societies around the world.

The study of Arabic language is a centerpiece of the MEIS program and demonstrated proficiency in Arabic or another Middle Eastern/Islamic World language is a requirement. The program emphasizes the study of languages and cultures, histories, identities, and the world views of the people who live in the greater Middle East, contributing to a broader understanding of multiple expressions of Islam and how the peoples of the Middle East have shaped human experience in the past and present.

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### Program Requirements

- Proficiency at the 102 level in Arabic or another approved language.
- Six elective MEIS courses, including no more than two language courses. These six electives can include no more than two courses from a student's major and no more than two courses from off-campus study.

The minor requires tested language proficiency, not necessarily coursework at Gettysburg College. All students must take six courses toward the minor; however, these courses may be different for students at different language proficiency levels.

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