

ISRAEL STUDIES MINOR

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Students doing a Minor in Israel Studies will study the history, culture and political structure of Israel and its place in the Middle East. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

To make an appointment to explore or declare a minor go to: <http://arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/academics/minors/>.

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REQUIREMENTS

The minor consists of 15 credits, and is organized around the following requirements:

Course	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		
ISRL342/ HIST376	History of Modern Israel ¹	3
ISRL448	Seminar in Israel Studies	3
Select one course in the area of Middle East Studies: ²		
HIST120	Islamic Civilization	
HIST491		
Elective Courses		
Select six credits of the following:		6
ISRL289	New Explorations in Israel Studies (ISRL289I)	
ISRL448	Seminar in Israel Studies (ISRL448A)	
ISRL448	Seminar in Israel Studies (ISRL448B)	
ISRL449	Advanced Topics in Israel Studies	
HEBR106	Intensive Elementary Hebrew I	
HEBR107	Intensive Elementary Hebrew II	
HEBR212	Intermediate Hebrew II ³	
ARAB104	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic I-II ³	
ARAB105	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic III-IV ³	
ARAB204	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I ³	
ARAB205	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II ³	
ARAB207	Egyptian Colloquial Arabic II ³	
ARAB304	Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I	
ARAB305	Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II	
JWST304	Critical Approaches to Israeli Culture	
HEBR313	Conversation and Composition I	
HEBR314	Conversation and Composition II	
HEBR381	Introduction to Hebrew Cultural Studies	
JWST478	Readings in Modern Hebrew	
JWST471	Modern Hebrew Literature in Translation	
Total Credits		15

¹ A comparable course at another university may substitute for this; consult the Minor Advisor

² To fulfill the Middle East Studies requirement, students must take one of the courses listed below or a comparable course. Courses within ISRL cannot be counted for this requirement. This list is not complete; other courses may be substituted with the approval of the Advisor. Students may also take one additional course from this list as an elective for credit toward the Minor. Other courses in Middle East Studies at UMD or elsewhere may be substituted for those on this list in consultation with the Advisor. HIST, COMM, GVPT, and SLLC all regularly offer special topics courses on the Middle East.

³ No more than 3 credits of language instruction below the 3xx-level may be credited toward the Minor.

⁴ Special Topics in Israel: (Topics change on an annual/semester basis, generally taught by distinguished visiting faculty.)

Special Topics in recent years have included: The Arab-Israeli Conflict through Film; Introduction to Israeli Cinema; Immigration & Ethnicity in Israel; Israel Politics and Society; Women and Gender in Israel; Public Culture in Israel; Israel Society as Seen Through Literature & Culture; Cultural Diversity and Multiple Identities in Contemporary Israeli Society; Society Politics and Mass Media in Israel; The Theater of Terror: Modern Terrorism and Mass Media; Israeli Politics for Young Leaders, and more.

Other courses may be applied toward the minor by petition.

Restrictions

- Coursework must include at least 9 3xx or 4xx-level credits, of which 6 of those credits MUST be taken at University of Maryland. These include credits earned in UM Study Abroad programs.
- A student may use a maximum of 6 credits (two courses) to satisfy requirements for both a major and a minor. Courses completed for one minor, may not be used to satisfy the requirements for another minor.
- No courses with an earned grade below "C-" may count towards the minor.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.
- Up to 2 courses may be taken at another university if the courses are approved by the Israel Studies Advisor. These would include credits earned in non-UM Study Abroad Programs.