



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 26, 2013

Dean Robert C. Stacey
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear Bob:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of a minor in Middle East Studies. A copy of the approval is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2012.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Donnen (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure JSIS-20120323)

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CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

College/Campus Arts and Sciences	Department/Unit International Studies	Date 3/23/2012
New Programs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree. <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leading to a minor in <u>Middle East Studies</u>		
Changes to Existing Programs		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____		
Other Changes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change name of program from _____ to _____. <input type="checkbox"/> New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate program in _____		
Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autumn <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Year: 20 12		

Contact Person: James Donnen

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

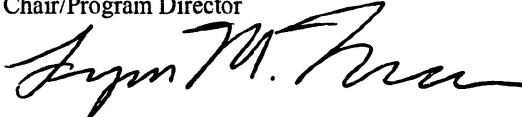
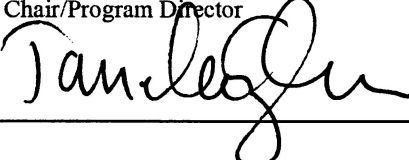
The proposed minor in Middle East Studies (North Africa, the Levant, Iraq, Turkey, the Gulf, Iran, and Afghanistan) responds to strong student demand, particularly in the social sciences, for specialization in this critical region of the world. With the impending elimination of the Middle East track (along with other area-focused tracks) of the International Studies major and with no Middle East major at the Jackson School, students in the social sciences will be left with very few options if they wish to pursue in depth study of the Middle East. In a survey conducted by the Jackson School Student Association (JSSA) published January 23, 2012, students identified the establishment of a Middle East major as one of their top five concerns in the restructuring and curriculum changes occurring at the Jackson School. The survey reported that many students had selected the soon to be eliminated International Studies-Middle East track because of their interest in the field and the relatively few options available for the study of this region. The survey also noted the continually growing student interest in this region (JSSA/CC Survey Results, p. 6). While offering a major in Middle East Studies may exceed current staffing resources, a minor can be constructed from existing courses, providing a basic grounding in the field through required coursework while amplifying that study across a variety of disciplines through elective courses. Relevant intermediate and higher language study is encouraged, but not required.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.

Department/Unit: NELC	Chair/Program Director: 	Date:
Department/Unit: Political Science	Chair/Program Director: 	Date: 5/31/12

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED (p.2)

Department/Unit	Chair/Program Director	Date
x History		2 July 2012
Department/Unit	Chair/Program Director	Date
Anthropology		7/20/12

CATALOG COPY

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications). Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

REQUIREMENTS


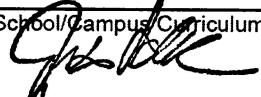
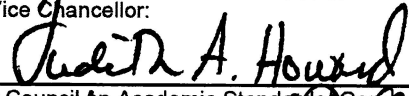

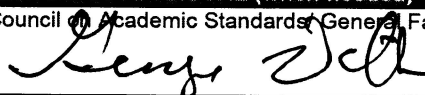
30 credits to include the following:

1. Two courses chosen from JSIS A/NEAR E 210, JSIS A 215/NEAR E 213, ANTH 318, HIST 161, or HIST 163 (10 credits)
2. 20 credits of chosen from the approved list of electives*.
3. ~~A minimum of 15 of the 30 credits must be~~ ²¹⁰ at 300 or 400 level
4. Study of a Middle East language is encouraged, but not required ~~for the minor~~. A maximum of 5 credits in Arabic, Modern Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish language beyond the first-year level, may be applied toward the 30 ~~total~~ ^{that} credits.
5. ~~A minimum 2.0 grade is required~~ ^{is required} in each course applied toward the minor.
6. ~~A minimum of 15 credits must be~~ completed in residence at the UW.

*The list of Middle East electives is maintained by the Middle East Studies program. For a current list of such courses, see <http://jsis.washington.edu/advise/undergraduate/minors.shtml>.

see attached

APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director: 	Date: 5/18/12
College/School/Campus/Curriculum Committee: 	Date: 10/15/12
Dean/Vice Chancellor: 	Date: 10/15/12
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: 	Date: 11/09/12
POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)	
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: 	Date: 11/20/12



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February 28, 2013

TO: UW Faculty Council on Academic Standards

FROM: Felicia Hecker, Associate Director, Middle East Studies Program
James Donnen, Director, Student Services
Jackson School of International Studies

SUBJECT: Credit Counting in New Middle East Studies Minor

In preparing Web materials for the Middle East Studies minor approved this week, we noticed language that in some instances will leave doubt about how the applicable credits should be counted. We are writing to clarify the Program's intentions with respect to credits required.

Requirement #1 in the minor permits students to choose two courses from a list of five. Four of the courses on the list (JSIS A/NEAR E 210, JSIS A 215/NEAR E 213, HIST 161, HIST 163) carry five credits; ANTH 318, however, is a three-credit course.

It was not the intent of the Middle East faculty to require students to take an additional two credits of elective if they opt for ANTH 318 in partial fulfillment of requirement #1. The first line of the minor requirements--

30 credits to include the following:

therefore should be corrected to read:

28-30 credits to include the following:

A copy of the minor requirements as approved by FCAS is attached. Please contact James Donnen at jdonnen@uw.edu if you have questions or need additional information about the requested change.

Proposed Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
Undergraduate Minor in Middle East Studies

REQUIREMENTS (with possible revision Dec. 2012)

30 credits to include the following:

1. Two courses chosen from JSIS A 210/NEAR E 210, JSIS A 215/NEAR E 213, ANTH 318, HIST 161, or HIST 163
2. 20 credits of electives chosen from the approved list
3. Study of a Middle East language is encouraged, but not required for the minor. A maximum of 5 credits in Arabic, Modern Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish language beyond the first-year level, may be applied toward the 20 credits of approved electives. No credits from any first-year language course may be counted.
4. No more than 12 credits counted in the minor may also be counted toward requirements of a major.
5. Minimum of 15 credits of 300/400 level courses
6. Minimum of 15 credits completed in residence at the UW campus offering the minor
7. Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA required in courses applied to the minor

Approved Electives

Area Courses

JSIS A 101/NEAR E 150	Israel in Global Context
JSIS A 457	Current Issues in the Arab Media
JSIS B 145	Introduction to Judaism
JSIS B 205/NEAR E 205	Religion, Violence, and Peace
*JSIS A 210/NEAR E 210	Introduction to Islamic Civilization
JSIS B 211/NEAR E 211	Islam
JSIS B 212/NEAR E 212	Introduction to the Quran
*JSIS A 215/NEAR E 213	Introduction the Modern Middle East
JSIS B 406/POL S 432	Political Islam
JSIS B 407	Islamist Movements
JSIS 478	Water and Security in the Middle East
JSIS A 465	International Humanitarian Law
JSIS 487	Special Topics on the Middle East
*ANTH 318	Islam and Middle East Culture
*HIST 161	Survey of the Muslim Near East
*HIST 163	The Modern Middle East
HIST 261	Crusades: Middle East Perspective
HIST 268	Wars in the Modern Middle East
HIST 361	Middle East History, 1453-1800
HIST 461	History of Middle East since 1789
NEAR E 242	Cultural History of Turkey
NEAR E 310	Modern Near East Literature in Translation

NEAR E 326	Israeli Identities
NEAR E 402	Classical Arabic Literature in Translation
NEAR E 403	Modern Arabic Novel
NEAR E 410	Middle East through Cinema
NEAR E 425	Current Trends in Modern Near East Literature
POL S 321	American Foreign Policy
POL S 325	Arab Israeli Conflict
POL S 331	Middle East and North Africa
POL S 368	International Human Rights
POL S 407	International Conflict

Language Courses (*a maximum of 5 credits may be counted*)

ARAB	prefix courses number 421 or above
HEBR	prefix courses in Modern Hebrew numbered 421 or above
PRSAN	prefix courses numbered 421 or above
TKISH	prefix courses numbered 421 or above

**If not taken for requirement 1 above*

University Curriculum Office (UWCR)

From: James W Donnen <jdonnen@u.washington.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 3:37 PM
To: uwcr@uw.edu
Subject: Correction to ME minor
Attachments: Correction memo2.doc

Hi Jennifer,

Attached is the proposed change I came up with; please proceed with it if it looks OK to you. Suggestions welcome.

An alternative, I suppose, would be to revise Req. #1 to say "At least 8 credits from..." rather than "Two courses from..."
But making the minor
28-30 credits seemed like a simpler change to me, and should work for DARS when they write the rules.

Best,

Jim

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Seattle: Minor in Middle East Studies (JSIS-20120323)


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Posted Nov 15, 2012 11:04 AM

Please review the attached 1503 pdf requesting to establish a minor in Middle East Studies at the Seattle campus and post comments by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 7th.

If you have any problems viewing the attachment or need disability accommodations, please contact the University Curriculum Office at uwcr@uw.edu.

Attachments:

-  **JSIS-20120323.pdf** 10.0M Download View

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ROBERT B STANTON

Posted Nov 15, 2012 9:21 PM

I am bothered by the final sentence, that relevant intermediate & advanced language study is not required. I assume that a major in French/German/Italian history or literature requires some skill in the French/German/Italian language and see no reason why this should not also apply to the Middle East.

So I vote No to the proposal in its present form.

Robert Stanton
Associate Professor Emeritus (English)

mvperez
MICHAEL VINCENTE
PEREZ

Posted Nov 15, 2012 9:35 PM

I would only add that the anthropology department has approved my course proposal to change the current ANTH 318 (Peoples and Cultures of the Islamic Middle East), which is listed on the proposal, to ANTH 413 Anthropology of the Modern Middle East and North Africa. This course will be offered as of the 2013-2014 academic year and will be a permanent course listing. It may not make a difference but we could adjust the proposal to reflect this change.

I cannot comment on the issue of language requirements and will defer to my colleagues on that point.

Thus, I support the proposal.

Michael Vicente Perez
Anthropology

tdeyoung
TERRI LYNN
DEYOUNG

Posted Nov 18, 2012 4:22 PM

Edited Nov 18, 2012 4:46 PM by tdeyoung

The current slate of courses from which a student would need to find credits includes a course, NE 213, which has not been taught in NELC in a number of years, nor would likely be offered in the near future. I have had preliminary information that this may also apply to NE 210. Beyond that, if the NELC Department is able to hire faculty in the two positions currently authorized (Islam and Persian Civilization), it is likely there will be extensive curricular reform in the Dept. and many of these courses (their very existence and/or their content) will be changed. So isn't it a bit premature to establish a new Middle East minor based on these old courses that may not be around as early as next year?

Also, the language study requirement is disturbingly vague. As I read it, it might be possible for a student to offer first-year language study in modern Arabic, Persian or Turkish (but not any Central Asian language, even though Central Asian countries are more integrated into the Islamic world than they were even 10 years ago) for at least 15 of the 30 credits (especially since the NELC language courses are still all numbered at 400+), along with (perhaps) the first quarter of intermediate language instruction, and absolutely nothing beyond that. Doesn't this reward dilettantism at the expense of more in-depth preparation?

Finally, who will be the responsible party for helping these students select their slate of courses? Who will be responsible for administering the minor? JSIS? I can't see any place in the application where these questions are addressed. Also, I do not believe that JSIS has been especially forthcoming in helping to support (via TAs, graders or even classroom assignments) the teaching of courses included in the proposed electives for the minor.

Because I feel there are still many details in the current proposal that need to be more fully addressed, I would join Prof. Stanton in voting "no" to it in its current form.

Terri DeYoung

Associate Professor of Arabic Language and Literature
Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
University of Washington

Proposal for Minor in Middle East Studies
Response to Faculty Comments
December 18, 2012

Intermediate/Advanced Language Study

Reviewer I compares the language expectations in the proposed minor with the expectations that might be required in certain UW majors. The proposed program is a minor, not a major; by way of comparison, the Jackson School currently offers nine area-studies minors, seven of which do not require formal study of foreign language. (Six of those seven encourage such study by counting a certain amount of relevant coursework if the student so chooses—as would the Middle East Studies minor.) While it is certainly the case that literature majors (and minors) routinely require more than elementary language study, it is not the case that history students attempting a minor or even a major in that discipline must have intermediate or advanced work. In our view the “language optional” approach strikes a reasonable balance for an area studies minor.

Reviewer III is given pause by vagueness in the language requirement—but it is in fact rather specific, allowing at most 5 credits of relevant language study at a level no lower than 421 (first quarter of second year). This programmatic encouragement to press on to second-year study may be a modest goal for language facility, but as mentioned, it is in keeping with the expectations of a variety of area-studies minors now in the curriculum. It should also be noted that the “approved courses” list does not provide any grounds for the assertion that half of the minor credits (15 of 30) could be comprised of first-year language study. We would nevertheless support adding a sentence to requirement #3, if FCAS believes it is appropriate, to emphasize this fact (see attachment; possible addition underlined).

With respect to eligible languages, it is true that the minor would confine itself to the four major languages of North Africa and the Middle East (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish), as they represent the breadth of the minor and they are languages that we can reasonably expect will be offered regularly at the University.

ANTH 318

The Middle East Studies program appreciates the correction on the future designation of ANTH 318 and would be glad to amend its electives list to reflect this change when it receives final approval from the UW Curriculum Committee.

Administrative/Premature Program?

As the unit applying for establishment of a minor in Middle East Studies, JSIS would indeed have administrative responsibility for the program. While UW minors are by design fairly self-executing, so that any undergraduate having a major can declare and launch upon nearly any minor without permission or review, JSIS will provide academic advising to any Middle East Studies minor who seeks assistance, just as it does now for the School’s existing stable of minors. (Of JSIS’s 2.5 FTE advisers, the half-time adviser is “point person” for advising in the School’s many minors.)

There is very significant documented student demand for this minor within JSIS; and we have indications of considerable student interest in a wide range of other departments. The Middle East is a critical area of the world and with the elimination of the Middle East track in the International Studies major, the Jackson School is in the difficult position of offering no real options for the growing number of undergraduates who want to demonstrate some expertise in this important field of study. Department curriculum decisions are quite appropriately fluid in

nature revolving around demand and faculty availability. Given this, we would prefer not to wait as other units decide how they might want to reconfigure their programs, as we believe there already is adequate course flexibility and coverage to sustain the modest goal of establishing a minor at this point. The framework of this minor remains solid and adjustments to both the core courses and elective courses can be made if that should become necessary.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW PROCEDURES**

CHECKLIST

Title of Proposal: Minor in Middle East Studies (JSIS-20120323)

Proposed by (unit name): Jackson School

Originating Campus:

☒ UW, Seattle

☐ UW, Bothell

☐ UW, Tacoma

I. Phase I. Developed Proposal Review (to be completed by Originating Campus' Academic Program Review body)

A. Review Completed by: (list name of program review body)

Chaired by:

11/09/12 Date proposal received by originating campus's review body

11/12/12 Date proposal sent to University Registrar

11/15/12 Date proposal posted & email sent to standard notification list

01/25/13 Date of originating campus's curriculum body approval

(Note: this date must be 15 business days or more following date of posting)

B. 3 Number of comments received. Attach the comments and a summary of the consideration and responses thereof : (1-2 paragraphs)

II. Phase II. Final Proposal Review (to be completed by FCTCP)

A. Review Completed by:

☒ FCTCP subcommittee

☐ FCTCP full council

Chaired by: William Erdly

2/6/13 Date request for review received from University Registrar

2//17/13 Date of FCTCP report

B. Review (attached)

YES NO

☒ ☐ Was notice of proposal posted on UW Website for 15 business days?

☒ ☐ Was notice of proposal sent to standard mailing list 15 business days in advance of academic program review?

☒ ☐ Were comments received by academic program review body?

☒ ☐ Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary)

☒ ☐ Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt?

☒ ☐ Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)

C. Recommendation

☒ Forward for final approval

☐ Forward to Provost because of University issues (Explain)

☐ Return to campus council because of insufficient review (Explain).

****Endorsed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1/10/05, modified 1/31/06; These procedures apply to new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors (and certificates) and substantive changes to same**