

Within the Minor in Israel Studies, students will study the history, culture and political structure of Israel and its place within the Middle East. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply and investigate how the minor might supplement their own field of study.

Program REQUIREMENTS

The Minor in Israel Studies provides access to highly qualified faculty and encourages the pursuit of internship opportunities and study abroad experiences. The minor consists of 15 credits, and is organized around the following requirements:

Required Core Courses (9 Credits)

- ISRL 342 / JWST 342 / HIST 376: History of Zionism and the State of Israel*
- ISRL 448: Seminar in Israel Studies (topics change each year)
- One of the following courses in Middle East Studies**
 - ARAB 221: The Arab World Today through Readings in Translation
 - HIST 120: Islamic Civilization
 - HIST 314: Crisis and Change in the Middle East
 - HIST 392: History of the Contemporary Middle Eastern Politics
 - GVPT 455: Contemporary Middle Eastern Politics

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

** 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.

Elective Courses (6 Credits)

- ISRL 289i: Fundamental Questions of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- ISRL 448A: Israeli Politics and Government
- ISRL 448B: Israeli Society
- ISRL Winter/Summer Study Abroad Courses
- JWST 488: Independent Study in Israel Studies
- HEBR 106/ HEBR 107/ HEBR 206 / HEBR 207 / HEBR 313 / HEBR 314: Hebrew language*
- ARAB 104/ ARAB 105 / ARAB 107 / ARAB 204 / ARAB 205 / ARAB 207 / ARAB 304 / ARAB 305: Arabic Language*
 - * No more than 3 credits of language below the 300 level can count toward the minor.
- Special Topics in Israel: (Topics change on an annual/semester basis, generally taught by distinguished visiting faculty.)
 - ISRL 249: Special Topics in Israel Studies
 - ISRL 349: Special Topics in Israel Studies
 - ISRL 449: Advanced Topics in Israel Studies

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 appropriate courses may be taken as electives, if approved by the Israel Studies Advisor.

Students applying for the program must:

- Have completed at least 30 credits hours of undergraduate study
- Be full-time students.

Restrictions:

- Coursework must include at least 9 upper 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-” (1.7) may count towards the minor for students matriculating during the Fall 2012 or later. For students matriculating prior to Fall 2012, no courses with an earned grade below “C” (2.0) may count towards the minor.
- Up to 2 courses may be taken at another university if the courses are approved in advance by the Israel Studies Advisor. These would include credits earned in non-UM Study Abroad Programs.

TO APPLY OR FOR FUTHER INFORMATION:

Contact the Israel Studies Advisor

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