ARAB AND MUSLIM ETHNICITIES AND DIASPORAS STUDIES

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Program Scope
The Minor in Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies (AMED) is a multidisciplinary program that provides undergraduate students with a justice-centered analysis in which gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, citizenship, age, ability, and other structural inequalities are integral to the study of Arab and Muslim communities, and addresses the context in which these groups have existed and continue to develop in the current socio-political climate. The program is designed to bring together a wide range of areas including Arab/Middle East/Global Studies, Race/Ethnic Studies, and Critical Cultural Studies. Curricular focus areas include History, Identity, Politics; Pop, Culture, Literature, Art, Creativity, Activism; Gender, Sexuality, Race; Immigration and Citizenship; Comparative Studies with other Communities. AMED provides students with a non-traditional perspective on national and transnational positioning and resistances of Arab and Muslim communities.

Associate Professors
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Minor in Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies – 15 units
The minor consists of 15 units. Only one-third of the units, or no more than two courses, can be taken on the basis of credit/no credit. Students must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in minor courses. Written declaration of the pursuit of the minor is not necessary prior to enrollment in any of its required or elective courses.

Required Core Courses (6 units)
RRS 101 Introduction to Arab and Muslim Communities 3
RRS 255 Voices in Exile: Arab and Muslim American and Civil Liberties post-9/11/2001 3

Electives (9 units)
Must choose one course (3 units) from each section; two courses (6 units) must be upper division of 300 or above. Up to 3 elective units can be chosen from within or outside the College of Ethnic Studies, upon advisement and approval from program chair.

Section I: Arab and Muslim Histories, Identities, and Cultures
(Humanities track)
ETHS/ARAB 400 Islam and Fiction in English 3
ETHS/ARAB 510 History of Arabic Literature I: Classical Arabic Literature 3
ETHS 511 History of Arabic Literature II: Modern Arabic Literature 3
RRS 224 Arab-American History, Community, and Activism 3
RRS 230 Muslims in America: Communities and Institutions 3
RRS 240 All Power to the People: Comparative Freedom Movements of the “Sixties” 3
RRS 305 Arab American Art and Artists of the Diaspora 3
RRS 312 Arab and American Literacy Expressions 3
RRS 315 Arab-American Immigration, Society, Identity, and Culture 3
RRS 420 Arab American Identity: Memory and Resistance 3
RRS 430 Arab Media Images in America: Impact on Arab Americans 3
RRS 450 Contemporary Arabic and Arab American Literature 3

Section II: Mapping Arab and Muslim Communities: Comparative Ethnicities and Diasporas (Critical Race Track)
RRS 110 Critical Thinking and the Ethnic Studies Experience 3
RRS 310 Arab Revolutions and Social Movements 3
RRS 370 Islamophobia: Roots, Development, and Contestation of Hatred 3
RRS 435 National Security and the Racialization of Arabs and Muslims in North America 3
RRS 620 Colonialism, Imperialism and Resistance 3
RRS 630 Palestine: Ethnic Studies Perspective 3
RRS 655 Comparative Border Studies: Palestine and Mexico 3

Section III: Gender and Sexuality Studies in Global South: Arab and Muslim Communities
RRS 260 Introduction to Arab and Arab American Feminisms 3
RRS/WGS 566 Gender and Modernity in the Muslim and Arab Worlds 3
WGS 565 Muslim Feminisms 3