

Carleton

Middle East Studies

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Dear Future Carl,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Carleton! I am delighted to introduce you to [Middle East Studies](#) at the College.

Our program is an interdisciplinary program that groups together faculty who focus in their teaching and research on the Middle East. They come from a variety of disciplines and departments, such as, Africana Studies, Art & Art History, Cinema & Media Studies, French, History, Middle Eastern Languages (Arabic and Hebrew), Music, Political Science, Religion, and Sociology & Anthropology. Our [courses](#) focus on the majority-Arabic-speaking states and territories from Morocco to the Persian Gulf, on Israel, Turkey, Iran, and Central Asia. We also offer extensive training in two Middle Eastern languages — Arabic and Hebrew.

Middle East Studies offers a [minor](#) that allows students to develop an interconnected understanding of the diverse Middle Eastern cultures and societies, past and present, in regional and global contexts. Completing the minor requires 45 credits in courses relevant to the Middle East. Some of the courses include: Arabs Encountering the West (ARBC 100); Music in the Middle East (ARBC 222), Islamic Art and Architecture (ARTH 155); Israeli Society in Israeli Cinema (CAMS 236); The Algerian War of Liberation and its Representations (FREN 360); Global Islam and Blackness (AFST 130); Muslims and Modernity (HIST 360); and Rebels, Risk Takers: Women and War in the Middle East (POSC 324), and Semantics of Love in Sufism (RELG 278).

While at Carleton, you will also have the opportunity to study abroad. Carleton offers its own program, [History, Culture, and Commerce: Africa and Arabia](#), that allows you to study in Bahrain, Oman, and Zanzibar. You will also have the [opportunity to study abroad](#) on a number of other non-Carleton programs. Credits you earn on these programs count toward the minor.

I would be happy to talk with you about Middle East Studies at Carleton. Please feel free to email me at yklein@carleton.edu.

Sincerely,



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