Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Minor (15 units)
Department of Religious Studies

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CWID # _____________________                         Expected Grad date: ____________

Five Courses/15 units

SWANA (Southwest Asia and North Africa) is a geographical term that distinguishes the region often referred to, from a Western lens, as the Middle East. While the boundaries of the region remain unfixed, it is commonly understood as the area stretching from Morocco in the west to Afghanistan in the east and from Turkey in the north to Yemen in the south. The Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Minor allows students to learn about the religions, histories, cultures and languages of the SWANA region.

All coursework may not be completed in a single department.
Some courses have prerequisites; check the course descriptions for more information.

Introduction to Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) (3-6 units) PICK ONE OR TWO:

- ARAB 101 - Fundamental Arabic-A
- ARAB 102 - Fundamental Arabic-B
- ARAB 203 - Intermediate Arabic-A
- PERS 101 - Fundamental Persian-A
- PERS 102 - Fundamental Persian-B
- RLST 200 - Introduction to Christianity
- RLST 210 - Introduction to Judaism
- RLST 250 - Introduction to Islam

Explorations in Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) (6-9 units) PICK TWO OR THREE:

- ECON 336 - Economies of the Middle East
- HIST 412A - History of the Christian Church to the
  Reformation (1517)
- HIST 414A - The Ancient Near East
- HIST 420 - The Byzantine Empire
- HIST 466A - Islamic Civilization: Arab Era
- HIST 466B - Islamic Civilization: Imperial Age
- HIST 467A - The Middle East in the 19th Cent
- HIST 467B - Contemporary Middle East Hist
- HIST 468A – Women & Gender in Middle East Hist
- HIST 468B - Making the Medieval Middle East
- HIST 110A - World Civilizations to 16th Cent
- POCC 325 - Politics of Arab-Israeli Conflict
- RLST 306 - Contemporary Practices of the World’s Religions
- RLST 351 – History & Development of Early Christian Thought
- RLST 361 - History and Development of Jewish Thought: Biblical and Rabbinical Eras
- RLST 371 - History and Development of Islamic Thought: The Beginning to 1258
- RLST 372 - History and Development of Islamic Thought: 1259 to Modern Times
- RLST 373 - Women in Islam
- RLST 374 - Issues in Contemporary Islam

Context and Comparisons (3 units) PICK ONE:

- AMST 324 - American Immigrant Cultures
- AMST 418 - Food and American Culture
- GEOG 359 - World Cities
- HIST 110A - World Civilizations to 16th Cent
- RLST 110 - Religions of the World
- RLST 306 - Contemporary Practices of the World’s Religions
- RLST 351 – History & Development of Early Christian Thought
- RLST 361 - History and Development of Jewish Thought: Biblical and Rabbinical Eras
- RLST 371 - History and Development of Islamic Thought: The Beginning to 1258
- RLST 372 - History and Development of Islamic Thought: 1259 to Modern Times
- RLST 373 - Women in Islam
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General Education courses may be used to meet minor requirements.

THREE UNITS FROM THE MINOR MAY BE DOUBLE COUNTED WITH YOUR MAJOR “In completing the requirements for a minor, a minimum of 12 units, of which at least six must be upper division, must be distinct and different from the units used to complete the requirements of the major. Any units above this minimum requirement that can be used to satisfy both the requirements for the minor and for the major may be double counted” (CSUF Catalog). 15 - 12 = 3.