

Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Minor (15 units)

Department of Religious Studies

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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
POSC 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

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.



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