

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**REQUEST TO ADD A TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED MINOR IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018***

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following addition to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. On May 13, 2015, Senior Associate Dean Richard Flores approved the new minor. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the minor on December 2, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by December 14, 2015.



Hillary Hart, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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1. **Type of Proposal**     New Transcript-Recognized Minor  
 Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor  
 Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor
2. **Official Name:** Transcript-Recognized Minor in Middle Eastern Studies
3. **Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2016
4. **Field of Study, CIP Code** (administrative unit awarding the certificate): MES
5. **Statement of Objective:** We would like to offer students the option of completing a Middle Eastern Studies transcript-recognized minor.
6. **Admissions requirement (if any):** none
7. **Number of Students Expected to Receive the Transcript-Recognized Minor Each Semester:** Twenty to fifty
8. **Anticipated Enrollment Capacity?** 100 to 200
9. **Number of Hours Required for Completion:**<sup>1</sup> Fifteen
10. **Composition of the Minor Faculty Committee (including the committee chair):**

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Kamran Aghaie	COLA, MES	Chair, DMES	PhD, UCLA
Karin Wilkins	COLA, MES	Chair, CMES	PhD, U Penn
Blake Atwood	COLA, MES	Assistant Professor, DMES	PhD, UT Austin
Na'ama Pat-El	COLA, MES	Assistant Professor, DMES	PhD, Harvard University
Jonathan Kaplan	COLA, MES	Assistant Professor, DMES	Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Ph.D., 2010

11. **Academic Course Requirements:** Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this minor program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
MES 301K	Intro M East: REL/CUL/HIST FND	3
MES 301L	Intro M East: ADJ/CHG MOD TM	3
MES 341	Topics in Middle Eastern Studies: Social Science	3
MES 342	Topics in Middle Eastern Studies: Arts & Humanities	3
MES 343	Topics in Middle Eastern Studies: History	3

**12. Other Minor Requirements:**

Students must take MES 301K, MES 301L, and nine hours of upper-division MES coursework chosen from MES 341, 342 or 343.

**13. College/School Approval Process:**

Approver: Richard Flores

Title: Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Date: May 13, 2015

**PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:****Middle Eastern Studies Minor:**

Fifteen semester credit hours, consisting of:

- MES 301K
- MES 301L

Nine hours of upper-division MES coursework chosen from MES 341, 342 or 343.

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<sup>1</sup> See footnote <sup>1</sup>A.b. above: 15-18 hours are required.