

An interdepartmental program

Courses of Study:
Minor

Internet Studies

Objectives

The Internet provides powerful tools to change how we work, how we play, how we learn, how we live. Its significance may well rival that of the printing press and of writing itself, with a timetable that is enormously accelerated. By supporting rapid and cheap communication, it has fostered a truly global economic system and transformed societies throughout the world. The program in Internet studies affords opportunities for students and faculty members to study the evolution of this revolutionary technology and its pervasive political, economic, cultural, and artistic ramifications in a multidisciplinary framework. It highlights the socioeconomic forces that shape the Internet and the global response to it and helps students to frame the information revolution in critical perspective. The program's interdisciplinary approach adds an important liberal arts perspective for students whose focus is primarily technical and supplies the essential technical component for students whose primary interests lie in the realm of social, humanistic, and artistic concerns.

How to Become a Minor

The program is open to all Brandeis undergraduates. To enroll in the program, consult with a member of the Internet Studies Program committee and fill out declaration forms. Students who complete the requirements of the program receive certificates from the Internet Studies Program and an official notation on their transcripts.

Committee

Timothy Hickey, Chair
(Computer Science)

Anne Carter
(Economics)

Richard Gaskins (on leave spring 2009)
(American Studies)

Benjamin Gomes-Casseres (on leave fall 2008)
(International Business School)

Caren Irr
(English and American Literature)

David Jacobson
(Anthropology)

Requirements for the Minor

Students must complete six courses. Students may double-count only two courses toward their major and this program.

A. Two core courses: COSI 2a (Introduction to Computers) and COSI 33b (Internet and Society). Computer science majors may substitute COSI 21a for COSI 2a.

B. Three elective courses from the program listing. The list of approved elective courses will change from year to year as the departments, the Internet, and society change.

C. One senior research course: an independent study, internship, or senior honors thesis in the student's major (with an emphasis on some aspect of Internet studies as approved by a member of the program's faculty) or a senior seminar in Internet studies, if offered.

Courses of Instruction

(1-99) Primarily for Undergraduate Students

INET 92a Internship in Internet Studies
Usually offered every year.
Staff

INET 98a Independent Study
Usually offered every year.
Staff

INET 98b Independent Study
Usually offered every year.
Staff

Core Courses

COSI 2a
Introduction to Computers

COSI 33b
Internet and Society

Elective Courses

The following courses approved for the program. Not all given in any one year. Please consult the *Schedule of Classes* each semester.

AMST 131b
News on Screen

AMST 134b
The New Media in America

ANTH 138a
Social Relations in Cyberspace

ANTH 174b
Virtual Communities

COSI 11a
Programming in Java and C

COSI 25a
Human-Computer Interaction

COSI 118a
Computer-Supported Cooperation

ECON 141b
Economics of Innovation

ENG 101b
Cyber-Theory

LGLS 150a
Law and Society in Cyberspace

ENG 48a
Introducing New Media

LGLS 129b
Law, Technology, and Innovation

SOC 148b
Sociology of Information

An interdepartmental program

Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies

Courses of Study:
Minor
Major (BA)

Objectives

The Islamic and Middle Eastern studies (IMES) major is an interdisciplinary curriculum sponsored by the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies in conjunction with the faculty from several other departments. It is designed to provide a strong foundation in Middle Eastern studies with a specialized knowledge of Islam. The major requires students to take elective courses from the departments represented by the faculty committee. Key contributing departments, in addition to Near Eastern and Judaic studies, include politics, history, economics, sociology, African and Afro-American studies, and anthropology. With a solid training in language, political theory and praxis, history, economics, sociology, and anthropology, the major is especially appropriate for students wishing to pursue graduate work, particularly in the field of Middle Eastern studies, or for those who wish to pursue careers dealing directly or indirectly with the Middle East.

How to Become a Major

Students who wish to major in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies must take the core course in Islamic civilization (IMES 104a) and at least two full years of a Middle Eastern language. The two years of language may comprise either two years of Arabic or, alternatively, one year of Arabic and one year of another Middle Eastern language such as Persian, Turkish, or Hebrew. Students who are fluent in Arabic, Persian, or Turkish may be exempted from the language requirements for a major in IMES upon approval by the chair of IMES. In addition, with the goal of achieving a balanced understanding of the overall field of study, the student must take two courses in the classical period and two courses in the modern as well as three courses to be chosen from the wide intellectual variety of elective courses. One of the three elective courses may be Arabic 40b, which also counts as part of the two years of language requirements. Study in the Middle East for a semester or a year is encouraged. As a culmination of the student's education, he or she is encouraged to write a senior thesis with emphasis on some aspects of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies.

Committee

Joseph Lumbard, Chair and Undergraduate Advising Head

(Near Eastern and Judaic Studies)

Tzvi Abusch (on leave 2008–2009)

(Near Eastern and Judaic Studies)

Shai Feldman
(Politics)

Gordon Fellman (on leave 2008–2009)

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(Near Eastern and Judaic Studies)

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(African and Afro-American Studies)

Ibrahim Sundiata (on leave spring 2009)
(African and Afro-American Studies;
History)

Ilan Troen

(Near Eastern and Judaic Studies)

Requirements for the Minor

- A. Two semesters of a Middle Eastern language.
- B. Core course: IMES 104a (Islam: Civilization and Institutions).
- C. At least one course pertaining to the classical period: ARBC 103a and b, FA 39b, NEJS 144a, 188a, 186a, 190b, 191a, 196a.
- D. At least one course pertaining to the modern period: ANTH 133a, NEJS 145a, 185b, 187a, 187b, 188b, 189a, 190a, 192a, 193a, 194a, 195a, 197b, 198b, POL 133a, 164a, 169b, 170a, SOC 157a, WMGS 140a, 195b.
- E. Two additional courses from the list of electives later in this section.

Requirements for the Major

- A. Either four semesters of Arabic (usually ARBC 10a, 20b, 30a, and 40b) or two semesters of Arabic and two semesters of another Middle Eastern language such as Persian, Turkish, or Hebrew. Students who are fluent in Arabic, Persian, or Turkish may be exempted from the language requirements upon approval by the chair of IMES.
- B. Core course: IMES 104a (Islam: Civilization and Institutions).
- C. Two courses pertaining to the classical period: ARBC 103a and b, FA 39b, NEJS 144a, 188a, 186a, 190b, 191a, 196a.

D. Two courses pertaining to the modern period: ANTH^o133a, NEJS 145a, 185b, 187a, 187b, 188b, 189a, 190a, 192a, 193a, 194a, 195a, 197b, 198b, POL^o133a, 164a, 169b, 170a, SOC 157a, WMGS 140a, 195b.

E. Three additional courses from the list of electives later in this section.

Requirements for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts/ Master of Arts in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies & Women's and Gender Studies

Brandeis undergraduates who are NEJS or IMES majors with either a second major in WMGS or a minor in WMGS are invited in their senior year to apply for admission to the BA/MA joint degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies & Women's and Gender Studies. Students must complete all requirements and earn the BA, including the successful completion of the major in NEJS or IMES prior to the start of the one year master's program.

Program of Study

Fourteen courses are required:

A. Internal transfer credit: seven Brandeis undergraduate courses (NEJS, IMES, WMGS, and/or approved cross listed courses) numbered 100 or above for which grades of B- or higher have been earned.

B. Seven courses taken in the fifth year: four approved NEJS electives and three WMGS courses approved by the program adviser. Between the BA and the MA the following WMGS courses must be completed: a course in feminist research methodologies (WMGS 198a, the feminist inquiry course offered through the Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies, or an alternative), WMGS 205a or another course designated as a graduate foundational course in women's and gender studies, and two elective courses in WMGS, one inside and one outside the NEJS department.

C. Successful completion of one of the following: a comprehensive examination, a culminating project or a master's thesis. If a master's thesis encompasses both a NEJS and a WMGS component, it will satisfy requirement E.

D. Participation in a fall semester noncredit Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Proseminar.

E. Joint MA paper requirement: Completion of a master's research paper of professional quality and length (normally twenty-five to forty pages) on a topic related to the joint degree. The paper will be read by two faculty members, one of whom is a member of the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies department, and one of whom is a member of the women's and gender studies core or affiliate faculty.

Resident Requirement

One year of full-time residence (the fifth year) is required subsequent to completing the BA.

Language Requirement

All candidates are required to demonstrate proficiency in Biblical or Modern Hebrew or in Arabic.

Requirements for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

Brandeis undergraduates who are NEJS or IMES majors are invited in their senior year to apply for admission to the five year BA/MA. Students must complete all requirements for the BA at the end of the fourth year, including the successful completion of the major in NEJS or IMES.

Program of Study

Fourteen courses are required:

A. Internal transfer credit: seven Brandeis undergraduate courses (NEJS, IMES, and/or approved cross-listed courses) numbered 100 or above for which grades of B- or higher have been earned.

B. Seven courses taken in the fifth year: four approved NEJS courses taught by NEJS faculty and three approved electives. Approved undergraduate language courses may be taken and count toward the required three electives

C. Successful completion of one of the following: a comprehensive examination, a culminating project or a master's thesis.

Resident Requirement

One year of fulltime residence (the fifth year) is required subsequent to completing the BA.

Language Requirement

All candidates are required to demonstrate proficiency in biblical or modern Hebrew or in Arabic.

Courses of Instruction

(1-99) Primarily for Undergraduate Students

IMES 98a Independent Study
Usually offered every year.
Staff

IMES 98b Independent Study
Usually offered every year.
Staff

IMES 99d Senior Research
Usually offered every year.
Staff

(100-199) For Both Undergraduate and Graduate Students

IMES 104a Islam: Civilization and Institutions

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Provides a disciplined study of Islamic civilization from its origins to the current state of affairs. Approaches the study from a humanities perspective. Topics covered will include the Qur'an, tradition, law, theology, politics, Islam and other religions, modern developments, women in Islam, and Islam and Middle Eastern politics. Usually offered every second year.
Staff

Elective Courses

The following courses are approved for the program. Not all are given in any one year. Please consult the *Schedule of Classes* each semester.

AAAS 60a
Economics of Third World Hunger

AAAS 80a
Economy and Society in Africa

AAAS 123a
Third World Ideologies

AAAS 126b
Political Economy of the Third World

AAAS 163b
Africa in World Politics

- AAAS 175a**
Comparative Politics of North Africa
- ANTH 80a**
Anthropology of Religion
- ANTH 118b**
Peoples and Societies of the Middle East
- ANTH 133a**
Culture and Power in Africa
- ARBC 103a**
Advanced Literary Arabic
- ARBC 103b**
Advanced Literary Arabic
- ECON 122b**
The Economics of the Middle East
- ECON 175a**
Introduction to the Economics of Development
- ENG 197b**
Within the Veil: African-American and Muslim Women's Writing
- FA 39b**
Islamic Art and Architecture
- FA 153a**
Israeli Art
- HIST 110a**
The Civilization of the Early Middle Ages
- HIST 110b**
The Civilization of the High and Late Middle Ages
- HIST 111a**
History of the Modern Middle East
- HIST 134b**
Nineteenth-Century Europe: Nationalism, Imperialism, Socialism (1850–1919)
- HIST 137a**
Evolution of the International System, 1815 to the Present
- HIST 142b**
Europe since 1945
- HIST 148b**
Central Asia in Modern Times
- HIST 186a**
Europe in World War II
- HUM 125a**
Topics in Humanities
- NEJS 104a**
Comparative Grammar of Semitic Languages
- NEJS 113b**
Law in the Bible and the Ancient Near East
- NEJS 114b**
Biblical Ritual, Cult, and Magic
- NEJS 130a**
The New Testament: A Historical Introduction
- NEJS 135a**
The Modern Jewish Experience
- NEJS 144a**
Jews in the World of Islam
- NEJS 185a**
Topics in Israeli Social History
- NEJS 185b**
The Making of the Modern Middle East
- NEJS 186a**
Introduction to the Qur'an
- NEJS 187a**
Political Islam
- NEJS 187b**
Shi'ism and Political Protest in the Middle East
- NEJS 188a**
The Rise and Decline of the Ottoman Empire, 1300–1800
- NEJS 188b**
The Destruction of the Ottoman Empire, 1800–1923
- NEJS 189a**
The Arab-Israeli Conflict
- NEJS 190a**
Describing Cruelty
- NEJS 190b**
Islamic Philosophy
- NEJS 191a**
Introduction to Islamic Theology
- NEJS 192a**
War and Peace in Israeli Thought and Praxis
- NEJS 193a**
Societies in Conflict: Exploring the Middle East through Authentic Materials
- NEJS 194a**
Civil Society in the Middle East
- NEJS 194b**
Sufi Teachings
- NEJS 195a**
Military and Politics in the Middle East
- NEJS 195b**
War and Reconstruction in Iraq
- NEJS 196a**
Marriage, Divorce, and Sexual Ethics in Islamic Law
- NEJS 197b**
Political Cultures of the Middle East
- NEJS 198b**
Modern Islamic Thought: The Eighteenth Century through the Contemporary Era
- NEJS 285a**
Social History of the Middle East
- NEJS 287a**
Seminar on Nationalism and Religion in the Middle East
- NEJS 289a**
Seminar: States and Minorities in the Middle East
- NEJS 291a**
History and Memory in the Middle East
- NEJS 293a**
The Question of Palestine
- POL 128a**
The Politics of Revolution: State Violence and Popular Insurgency in the Third World
- POL 164a**
Conflict and Peacemaking in the Middle East
- POL 169b**
U.S. Policy in the Middle East
- POL 170a**
Arms Control in the Middle East
- SOC 119a**
War and Possibilities of Peace
- SOC 157a**
Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Confrontation
- SOC 161a**
Society, State, and Power: The Problem of Democracy
- SOC 175b**
Civic Environmentalism
- WMGS 140a**
Diversity of Muslim Women's Experience