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CLASS Undergraduate Studies Committee

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SUBJECT:

Proposal for a Minor in Arab Studies

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The Department of Modern and Classical Languages proposes to establish a minor in Arab Studies, effective Fall 2012.

CATALOGUE LANGUAGE:

The minor in Arab Studies requires 18 semester hours (at least 9 advanced hours) taken from the courses listed below. A minimum of 12 hours must be taken in residence, and at least 6 of the 9 hours advanced hours must be taken in residence. A student must earn a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in courses attempted in the minor field at the University of Houston.

The minor in Arab Studies consists of the following 18 hour requirement:

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1. Nine semester hours taken from:

ARAB 2302: Intermediate Arabic II

ARAB 3301: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I ARAB 3302: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II

2. Six semester hours taken from

ARAB 3305 or ARAB 3306: Introduction to Arabic Culture, Language, and Islam

ARAB 3312: Introduction to Arabic Literature in Translation

ARAB 3313: Our'an as Literature

ARAB 3314: Women and Gender in Arabic Literature

ARAB 3303: Qur'anic and Classical Arabic

WCL 3341: Early Islamic Society: Literature and Thought **ALAG** WCL 3340: Modernity and Rationalism in Islamic Tradition

WCL 3377: The Modern Middle East: Literature, Politics, and Ideas

HIST 3378: Modern Middle East

3. Three semester hours taken from

ARTH 3313: Ancient Near Eastern Art

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ENGL 3365: Postcolonial Literature

HIST 3377: The Middle East from 1300 to the Present

HIST 3390: Middle East: Pictures & Words

POLS 3326: Government and Politics in the Middle East

POLS 4333: Islam and Democracy

POLS4348: Contemporary Islamic Political Thought

RELS 3350: Islam

RELS: 3360: Muslim-Christian Relations