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SUBJECT: Change to Minor in Arab Studies

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The purpose of this memo is to make a change to the Minor in Arab Studies. The current requirement divides content courses into six semester hours taken from the department of Modern and Classical Languages (except HIST 3378) and three semester hours taken from outside MCL. The original intent of dividing content courses into two groups was to allow students the option of taking classes both in house (MCL) as well as elsewhere in the college. This division was also designed to ensure that the good enrollment in the MCL courses. This has proven to be an unnecessary extra step, as students declaring the minor are eager to take the courses in MCL. I propose that both groups of courses be collapsed into one single group, from which 9 semester hours should be taken. This should not impact the Minor in Arab Studies in any noticeable fashion.

The language course requirement will remain the same.

See below for details on the current as well as proposed requirements. Changes are in **BOLD**.

Current Requirements	Proposed (NEW) Requirements
<p>The minor in Arab Studies consists of the following 18 hour requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nine required semester hours in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARAB 2302: Intermediate Arabic II ARAB 3301: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I ARAB 3302: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II Six semester hours taken from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARAB 3305 or ARAB 3306: Introduction to Arabic Culture, Language, and Islam ARAB 3312: Introduction to Arabic 	<p>The minor in Arab Studies consists of the following 18 hour requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nine required semester hours in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARAB 2302: Intermediate Arabic II ARAB 3301: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I ARAB 3302: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II Nine semester hours taken from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARAB 3305 or ARAB 3306: Introduction to Arabic Culture, Language, and Islam ARAB 3312: Introduction to Arabic

<p style="text-align: center;">Literature in Translation</p> <p>ARAB 3313: Qur'an as Literature ARAB 3314: Women and Gender in Arabic Literature ARAB 3303: Qur'anic and Classical Arabic ARAB 3340: Modernity and Rationalism in Islamic Tradition WCL 3341: Early Islamic Society: Literature and Thought WCL 3377: The Modern Middle East: Literature, Politics, and Ideas HIST 3378: Modern Middle East</p> <p>3. Three semester hours taken from</p> <p>ARTH 3313: Ancient Near Eastern Art 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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Literature in Translation</p> <p>ARAB 3313: Qur'an as Literature ARAB 3314: Women and Gender in Arabic Literature ARAB 3303: Qur'anic and Classical Arabic ARAB 3340: Modernity and Rationalism in Islamic Tradition ARTH 3313: Ancient Near Eastern Art ENGL 3365: Postcolonial Literature HIST 3377: The Middle East from 1300 to the Present HIST 3378: Modern Middle East 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 WCL 3341: Early Islamic Society: Literature and Thought WCL 3377: The Modern Middle East: Literature, Politics, and Ideas</p>
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