

New Minor, Track or Certificate Template

Steps to the approval process:

1. Complete the applicable template(s) and email them to the departmental or program curriculum committee chair.
2. The curriculum chair emails the proposal to the curriculum committee, then to the department/program faculty for a vote and finally to the department/program chair.
3. The department/program chair emails the proposal to curriculum-approval@iup.edu; this email will also serve as an electronic signature.
4. Curriculum committee staff will log the proposal, forward it to the appropriate dean's office(s) for review within 14 days and post it on the X Drive for review by all IUP faculty and administrators. Following the dean's review the proposal goes to the UWUCC/UWGC and the Senate.
5. Questions? Email curriculum-approval@iup.edu.

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Request Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate		
Minor, Track, or Certificate Title	Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies		
If Certificate or Minor, list number of credits	15		
Course Level	undergraduate-level		
Narrative Catalog Description	<p>The Middle Eastern Studies Certificate is a 15-credit program that allows students to pursue studies that focus on one or more disciplinary areas focused on the Middle East. Students who wish to pursue graduate level studies and/or a career in a Middle Eastern-related field may want to add this credential to their main academic preparation. Others who have an interest in Middle Eastern society and culture can also benefit from this certificate.</p>		
List of Program Requirements in catalog layout – including course numbers, titles, credits and any footnotes. <i>(Note that PASSHE requires a minimum of 6 credits in a minor be advanced standing (300 and above).</i>	Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies (1, 2, 3, 4)		15 15cr
	Courses (2): HIST 207 History of the Middle East 3cr HIST 330 The History of the Islamic Civilization 3cr HIST 331 Modern Middle East 3cr HIST 338 The History of Iran 3cr HIST/PLSC 339 Jihad and the Origins of Islamist Movements in the Middle East 3cr PLSC 384 Political Systems: Middle East 3cr RLST 380 Islam 3cr		
	(1) Courses need to be in at least two different prefixes. (2) The topics in such courses as ENGL 399 Major Global Authors, HIST 497 Topics in Non-Western History, and ITST 281 Special Topics in Non-Western Studies vary (check with instructor). When concerned		

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	<p>with the Middle East , these courses can count toward the certificate with the approval of the Asian Studies Coordinator.</p> <p>(3) Three credits of an appropriate internship can count towards the certificate with the approval of the Asian Studies Coordinator.</p> <p>(4) No more than 6 transfer credits may be counted towards the certificate.</p> <p>(5) No more than 3 credits from an appropriate language class may be counted towards the certificate.</p>
<p>Student Learning Outcomes for Minor or Track</p>	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <p>a) describe and evaluate aspects (art, culture, religion, economics, history, politics, etc.) of the premodern and/or modern Middle East in accordance with the disciplinary approach(es) they have chosen.</p> <p>b) integrate information from coursework on the Middle East and shape it into an overall understanding of Middle Eastern society and culture.</p>
<p>Rationale for Proposal</p>	
<p>Why is this track/minor being proposed?</p>	<p>Students in the Asian Studies, History, and Religious Studies programs have expressed their desire to highlight their academic focus on a specific area in Asia. A Middle East Studies Certificate will allow students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in any discipline related to the Middle East to demonstrate the focus of their undergraduate studies. In addition those students interested in pursuing employment in Middle East-related areas (e.g.: business, education, tourism, military, and government service) find the certificate a useful additional credential.</p>
<p>University Senate Summary of Rationale <i>Enter a single paragraph summary/rationale of changes or proposal for University Senate</i></p>	<p>Students in the Asian Studies, History, and Religious Studies programs have expressed their desire to highlight their academic focus on a specific area in Asia. A Middle East Studies Certificate will allow students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in any discipline related to the Middle East to demonstrate the focus of their undergraduate studies. In addition those students interested in pursuing employment in Middle East-related areas (e.g.: business, education, tourism, military, and government service) find the certificate a useful additional credential.</p>
<p>What role, if any, does it serve the college/university above and beyond the role it serves in the department?</p>	<p>The proposed certificate addresses goals 1 and 2 in the IUP Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Goal 1: Provide innovative academic programs of high quality and value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed certificate program relies on the inter-disciplinary collaboration that is characteristic of the existing Asian Studies programs. • It continues to rely on existing faculty expertise to provide a degree of flexibility to “offer academic programs that are responsive to disciplinary advances and aligned with the needs of students and society.” <p>Goal 2: Prepare all of IUP’s students for success in work and life, in addition to academic success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed certificate is a response to articulated student needs. • The program “prepares students to live and work in a culturally diverse and global future.” This is particularly the case for majors outside the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a stand-alone program, the proposed certificate can also provide non-degree seeking students opportunities to add a undergraduate level certificate to their resume.
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