

Fall 2009 Events

October 22, 2009

6:30pm, PH1-140

Persepolis

An animated film based on Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel of the same name, about a young girl who comes of age against the backdrop of the Iranian Revolution (1978/79). The story ends with Marjane as a 22-year-old expatriate.

November 19, 2009

12:00pm, Location TBD

Iran's Contested Elections – 2009:

A panel of eyewitnesses and participants

Prof. Afshin Matin-Asgari, CSULA
and CSULB M.A. Candidates

Maral Sahebame and Hanif Zarrabi-Kashani

Spring 2010 Courses

Arabic 101B

Fundamentals of Arabic

Arabic 201B

Intermediate Arabic

Geography 309I

Middle East & North Africa

History 393

Jews of the Modern Middle East

History 394

Middle Eastern Women

History 418/518

Central Asia & Afghanistan, 20th Century

History 428

History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

History 432/532

Middle East (Southwest Asia),
1700-present

Political Science 367

Governments & Politics of the
Middle East

Religious Studies 331I

Islamic Religion & Culture



California State University, Long Beach



Middle Eastern Studies Program

The Middle Eastern Studies Program allows students to expand their understanding of the major issues, themes, and concepts associated with the complex and diverse region known as the Middle East.



Middle Eastern Studies Program

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Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

Requirements are a minimum of eighteen (18) units as follows:

Core: Minimum twelve (12) units: At least three (3) units must be in History of the Middle East and at least four (4) units in Arabic.

Note: Other languages of the Middle East may be substituted with the approval of the director of the program.

Arabic 101A: Standard Modern Arabic I

Arabic 201A: Intermediate Arabic

Arabic 250: Arabic for Arabic Speakers

History 416/516: Central Asia and Afghanistan from Mongol Era to WWI

History 431/531: Middle East (Southwest Asia), 600-1700

Political Science 367: Governments & Politics of the Middle East

Arabic 101B: Standard Modern Arabic II

Arabic 201B: Intermediate Arabic

History 418/518: Central Asia and Afghanistan, Twentieth Century

History 432/532: Middle East (Southwest Asia), 1700-Present

Religious Studies 331I: Islamic Religion and Culture

Elective: Minimum of six (6) additional units, selected with an advisor, from core courses above and the following courses (without repeating courses from the core).

Art History 465/565: Ancient Art of the Near East

Geography 309I: Middle East and North Africa

History 394: Middle Eastern Women

Political Science 367: Governments & Politics of the Middle East

Religious Studies 490: Special Topics in Religious Studies

Comparative World Literature 104: Literature and Culture of the Middle East

Comparative World Literature 402/502: Studies in Middle Eastern Literature and Culture

History 393: Jews of the Modern Middle East

History 428: History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Religious Studies 212: Introduction to the Qur'an

Religious Studies 459/559: Medieval Islamic Thought

Three (3) of these units may be taken from the following courses, which have a global and comparative perspective, without repeating courses from core:

Business 300: International Business

Child Development and Family Services 410: International Families—Families in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

History 495: Colloquium (only topics courses relevant to the minor will be accepted)

Religious Studies 102: Introduction to World Religions (Early and Western)

Religious Studies 458/558: Women, Religion, and the Developing World

Women's Studies 401I: Bodies and Borders

The Middle Eastern Studies Program at California State University, Long Beach began in 2002, encouraging students to acquire a broad and interconnected understanding of the dynamics of Middle Eastern societies, cultures, and histories by taking courses in a variety of disciplines including History, Arabic language, Political Science, Geography, Art History, International Business, and Religious Studies.

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