

Interdisciplinary Minors

Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies (AIMES)



The interdisciplinary minor in Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies (AIMES) provides an introduction to the various cultures, peoples, and religions—Muslim, Jewish, and Christian—of the Middle East, as well as the diverse forms of Islamic practice in Muslim societies throughout the world. This program also encourages the study of diaspora and immigrant communities where Islamic and Middle Eastern populations constitute a religious or ethnic minority.

A requirement of this program is a minimum of one year's study of Arabic, a language that has cultural, religious, and political significance both in the Middle East and in global Islamic communities.

Students enrolled in this minor have the opportunity to sample the variety of methodologies and academic disciplines—including anthropology, art history, literary criticism, history, political science, and religious studies—that address the Middle East in particular and the Islamic world at large.

The AIMES interdisciplinary minor is ideal for students who want to develop the intellectual resources for thoughtful and informed engagement with current issues in the Middle East and the Islamic world. AIMES is also well suited for students considering work with overseas aid organizations, government service, international business or graduate programs in international studies.

Program Director:

David Pinault
Associate Professor of Religious Studies
<http://www.scu.edu/cas/aimes/index.cfm>

Asian Studies Minor

The Asian Studies Minor (ASM) offers an interdisciplinary introduction to the cultures and languages of Asia. As a complement to one's major or as a basis for later study and travel, the minor provides both general background and real-world experience. The minor has three main requirements: six culture courses, an introductory-level Asian language sequence, and a field project which can be completed in a local Asian community or while studying abroad. Culture courses include any anthropology, art history, history, political science or religion class that focuses on East, South, or Southeast Asia. You should plan on taking two lower-division and four upper-division culture classes. Language course sequences are available in Japanese and Chinese, although study of other Asian languages or native proficiency is accepted with the director's approval.



The field project requires a minimum of 15 hours working or volunteering in an Asia-related setting. Students have satisfied this requirement in a number of ways, ranging from an Arrupe placement with a senior citizen center in San José's Japantown to an internship at the China desk of the Washington State Trade Office. The field project also may be taken for academic units with completion of an independent study project. For more details on field project options or any aspect of the minor, please contact the program director.

Program Director:

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<http://www.scu.edu/cas/asianstudies/>

Other minors to consider when studying a foreign language

- International Business Minor: <http://www.scu.edu/business/intlbus/>
- International Studies Minor (themes—*African Studies; European Studies; Latin American Studies; or Global / Thematic Studies*): <http://www.scu.edu/studyabroad/minors/studies.cfm>

The Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

MAJORS**:

FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, AND SPANISH

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR

College Requirements

Students must complete the College of Arts & Sciences requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Consult the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for a list of the specific college requirements.

Department Requirements

- Coursework totaling at least **40 Upper Division Units** in the same foreign language including Language 100 and 101, or department-approved substitutes.



French and Francophone Studies majors must take one upper division French literature course as part of their 40 upper division units. Students may take a French Literature course taught in English *as long as it contains a French component*.



German Studies majors may include two upper-division courses in German Literature, Culture, Art History, European History or Politics taught in English as part of their 40 units



Spanish Studies majors must also take the following, as part of their 40 upper-division units: Spanish 175; One Survey course (SPAN 120, 121, 130, or 131); Course work in both Latin-American and Spanish Peninsular literature or culture.

- At least 20 quarter units out of the 40 quarter units of upper division work must be taken from among those courses taught by Santa Clara University faculty members.
- The courses must be passed with a grade point average of 2.0.

**Major in Japanese Studies is available through the Individual Studies Program.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR

Department Requirements:

- Course work totaling at least **19 Upper Division Units** in the same foreign language including Language 100 and 101, or department-approved substitutes.



French and Francophone Studies minors must take one upper division French literature course as part of the 19 units of upper division work. Students may take a French Literature course taught in English *as long as it contains a French component*.



Japanese Studies minors, as part of the 19 upper-division units, must also take Japanese 102, or department-approved substitution. Students may take one upper division Japanese literature or culture course taught in English as part of the 19 quarter units of upper division work.



Spanish Studies minors must take at least one course in Hispanic literature or culture as part of the 19 quarter units of upper division work.

- At least 10 upper division units, out of the 19 upper-division units required, must be taken from among those courses taught by Santa Clara University faculty members.
- The courses must be passed with a grade point average of 2.0.

Additional languages taught in the Dept. of Modern Languages & Literatures:

Arabic, may be used toward AIMS minor.

Chinese, may be applied toward the Asian Studies minor.

See reverse for more minor options->