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Blue Mosque, İstanbul

Trojan horse, Çanakkale

Cappadocia, Nevşehir
Minor in Turkish Studies

The minor in Turkish Studies is designed to introduce students to modern Turkey, and enable students to be able to communicate and read in the authentic language. Turkish is one of the most important investment languages for people interested in the EU, Middle Eastern studies, world history, international relations, politics, economics, music, archeology, architecture, and tourism. Many current government and educational jobs concerning Europe, the Middle East and Asia favor those with proficiency in Turkish because of the growing geopolitical role that Turkey now plays in global relations. Government funding is available for the study of Turkish.

Requirements

Completion of the minor requires at least 18 hours in applicable courses.

Language and culture requirements (9 credit hours)

- TURK 405: Advanced Turkish I
- TURK 406 Advanced Turkish II
- TURK 270: Language and Culture in Turkey

Additional courses related to Turkey/Ottoman Empire (9 credit hours)

- ANTH 402: Transnational Islam: Europe-US
- ANTH 488: Modern Europe
- EURO 415: Europe and the Mediterranean
- HIST 135: History of Islamic Middle East
- HIST 335: Middle East 1556-1914
- HIST 337: Middle East since World War I
- HIST 396: Special Topics (when focused on Turkey)
- HIST 439: The Ottoman Empire
- HIST 463: The Modern Balkans through Literature & Film
- HIST 466: The Balkans
- FR 418: Language & Minorities in Europe
- MUS 418: Regional Studies in Musicology (when focused on Turkey)
- PS 152: The New Middle East
- PS 347: Government & Politics of the Middle East
- REL 213: Intro to Islam-ACP or REL 214: Intro to Islam
- REL 223: The Qur’an (Koran)
- REL 403: Women in Muslim Societies
- REL 408: Islam & Politics in the Middle East
- REL 480: Islamic Law
- REL 482: Muslim-Christian Interactions
- REES 201: Introduction to Eastern Europe
- SOC 483: Middle Eastern Societies & Cultures
- TURK 490: Special Topics in Turkish

- Study abroad courses relevant to Turkey (maximum of 3 hours; must be approved by the advisor)