

## MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE

From..... SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDIESSubject..... AFRICAN/MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES  
PROGRAM

Date..... NOVEMBER 12., 1980

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 4, 1980 gives rise to the following motion:

**MOTION**

- "That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.80-158,
- i) Change of name of Program
  - ii) Creation of two minors:
    1. African Studies Minor
    2. Middle Eastern Studies Minor
  - iii) Deletion of AME. 001-3."

FOR INFORMATION

At its meeting of November 4, 1980, acting under its delegated authority, SCUS approved change of credits from 5 to 4 for AME 401-4 - Studies in Africa, and AME. 402-4 - Studies in the Middle East.



## MEMORANDUM

To H. Evans, Secretary

From John S. Chase, Secretary

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject *African/Middle Eastern Studies* Date 28 October 1980

*- African Studies Minor*

*- Middle Eastern Studies Minor*

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning at its meeting on 22 October 1980 gave rise to the following motion:

"That S.C.A.P. approve modification of the Africa/Middle East Studies minor program."

Would you please see that the proposed modification is placed on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

*John Chase*

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# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

I.S.C. 80-14  
revised.

## MEMORANDUM

To..... Chairman, Senate Committee.....	From W.L. Cleveland, Co-ordinator,.....
..... on Undergraduate Studies.....	AME Program.....
Subject..... Proposal for a Restructuring of the AME Program.....	Date. 20 October 1980.....

What follows is a slightly modified version of a document which has been approved by the AME Steering Committee and the FIDS Curriculum Committee. The modifications were either suggested by those two committees or by Mr. Evans, with whom I have reviewed the proposal.

### 1. Introduction

At its meeting of 20 March, 1980, the AME Steering Committee expressed general approval for a restructuring of the AME program along the lines suggested in this document. The Committee noted that while the individual courses associated with the minor usually attract adequate enrollments, students have not elected to qualify for the AME minor itself. Various members of the Committee expressed the view that part of the reason for this limited appeal may rest with the current structure of the minor, in particular its requirements for course selection from among both African and Middle Eastern content offerings. The proposal which is before you was designed to address this problem as well as one or two others.

The suggested changes have no scheduling implications, make no new demands on university resources, and do not constitute a curriculum revision in the way that term is normally applied. Those changes, great and small, are as follows:

1. Slight change of name to African/Middle Eastern Studies
2. The creation of two separate minors, African Studies and Middle Eastern Studies.

The Steering Committee regards this as a necessary step. Neither faculty nor students have shown much interest in participating in both areas. The separation of the two will recognize existing reality. It will not create any barriers for the student committed to studying both regions and it may, in fact, encourage others to become involved in the region which most interests them, knowing that they will not be required to become masters of both in order to obtain a minor.

3. The deletion of AME. 001-3.  
The Committee now recognizes that in a curriculum which includes 100 division courses such as HIST 151 and HIST 146, it is a mistake to require, or even to offer, an 001 course. It has not played an integral role in our curriculum sequence. For example, in the current semester (80-3), the enrollment in HIST 151 (Introduction to the Modern Middle East) is 139 and that in HIST 146 (Africa since the Partition) is 42. Students have not been attracted to these courses by previously taking AME 001. Hence, the original argument for 001, that it was a

kind of pre-100 division offering designed to draw students to the appropriate disciplinary courses at the 100 division, has not been proven in practice.

4. Credit hour change for AME. 401 and AME. 402  
The Committee recommends that the credit hour value assigned to these courses be changed from 5 to 4 and that the courses have 4 hours of weekly contact. By making contact hours and credit hours identical, AME. courses will follow the system now practiced by the departments which are the main contributors to AME.
5. Slight reduction of the lists of associated faculty and courses with AME. content.  
The Committee believes that a realistic list of faculty and core courses is the most effective method of giving minor programs a forceful identity. We wish therefore to strike from our calendar entry the names of those faculty and courses which have no direct bearing on the program.

WLC/et

cc. J. Blanchet, UGC, FIDS  
C. Griffiths, Chm., UGC, FIDS

*W.L. Cleveland*  
W.L. Cleveland

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Proposed Calendar Entry

AFRICAN/MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES PROGRAM

Program Description

By coordinating selected courses offered across several Departments, the African/Middle Eastern Studies Program provides students with an opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary concentration in one of two areas of study. The curriculum includes two major languages, Arabic and Swahili, as well as optional course work in eight different departments, with particular emphasis on History and Sociology/Anthropology. The program leads to a minor degree in either African or Middle Eastern Studies.

AFRICAN STUDIES MINOR

Students must obtain nine hours of African content courses at the lower division as prerequisites. In addition, a minimum of 14 hours chosen from the list of approved African content courses, including AME. 401, must be taken at the 300 and 400 division <sup>for the minor</sup>. Courses from students' major departments may be counted toward fulfillment of the upper division requirements of the African Studies Minor provided that students not count the same courses toward the completion of both their major and their African Studies Minor.

Courses with African Content

The following course is offered under the direct sponsorship of the African/Middle Eastern Studies Program:

AME. 401-4 Studies in Africa.

A multi-disciplinary approach to selected topics in contemporary Africa. (Seminar)

Listed below are African content courses offered by various academic departments. Certain reading courses and selected topics courses may, with the approval of the Program Coordinator, be approved for an African Studies Minor.

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Department of Archaeology

- ARC. 272-3 Archaeology of the Old World
- ARC. 385-3 Fossil Man
- ARC. 473-3 Regional Studies in Archaeology: Africa

Department of English

- ENGL 362-4 Commonwealth Literature (with approval of the Program Coordinator)

Department of Geography

- GEOG 464-5 Intertropical Africa

Department of History

- HIST 146-3 Africa Since the Partition
- HIST 230-3 The Expansion of Europe
- HIST 231-3 The Collapse of the Imperial Order
- HIST 342-3 The History of Nigeria: An Emerging African Giant
- HIST 344-3 East Africa
- HIST 346-3 Central Africa
- HIST 348-3 South Africa
- HIST 352-3 The Modern History of North Africa: From the 'Barbary' Corsairs to Independence
- HIST 473-3 Emergence of the Apartheid State
- HIST 478-3 The Transatlantic Slave Trade
- HIST 482-3 Colonial Administration and Nationalism
- HIST 483-3 Penetration of Zimbabwe

Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics

- SWAH 100-3 Introductory Swahili I
- SWAH 101-3 Introductory Swahili II

Department of Political Science

- POL. 339-3 Government and Politics: Selected African Nations
- POL. 433-3 Comparative Developing Systems

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- S.A. 203-4 Race Relations
- S.A. 270-4 Anthropological Concepts
- S.A. 332-4 Kinship
- S.A. 363-4 Social Change in the Third World (with approval of the Program Coordinator)
- S.A. 368-4 Economic Anthropology
- S.A. 369-4 Political Anthropology
- S.A. 374-4 Ethnography of Africa
- S.A. 463-4 Liberation Movements and Colonialism (with approval of the Program Coordinator)
- S.A. 475-4 West Africa
- S.A. 476-4 East Africa
- S.A. 477-4 South Africa

### MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR

Students must obtain nine hours of Middle Eastern content courses at the lower division as prerequisites including AME. 110 or AME. 112. In addition, a minimum of 14 hours chosen from the list of approved Middle Eastern content courses, including AME. 402, must be taken at the 300 and 400 division. <sup>for the minor</sup> Courses from students' major departments may be counted toward fulfillment of the upper division requirements of the Middle Eastern Studies Minor provided that students not count the same courses toward the completion of both their major and their Middle Eastern Studies Minor.

#### Courses with Middle Eastern content

The following courses are offered under the direct sponsorship of the African/Middle Eastern Studies Program:

- AME. 110-3 An Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic I  
Basic structures and patterns of the modern literary language. Oral drills with practice in pronunciation are integrated with elements of reading and writing simple Arabic prose.  
(Tutorial/Laboratory)
- AME. 112-3 An Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic II  
A continuation of AME. 110-3 with greater emphasis on developing reading skills and fluency in the pronunciation of written texts.  
Prerequisite: AME. 110-3, or equivalent  
(Tutorial/Laboratory)
- AME. 402-4 Studies in the Middle East  
The course focuses on topics of particular contemporary significance. In the past, these have included: Islamic Revivalism; Oil and Political Development; The Lebanese Civil War; Religious Minorities and Political Conflict.  
Prerequisites: One of HIST 151, 249, 251 plus one of HIST 350, 465, 466.  
(Seminar)

Listed below are Middle Eastern content courses offered by various academic departments. Certain reading courses and selected topics courses not listed below may, with the approval of the Program Coordinator, be approved for a Middle Eastern Studies Minor.

Department of History

- HIST 151-3 The Modern Middle East  
HIST 249-3 The Islamic Tradition in the Middle East  
HIST 251-3 The Western Imperial Presence in the Middle East and North Africa  
HIST 350-3 Origins of the Modern Middle East: Continuity and Change  
from the Ottoman Conquest of Constantinople (1453) to World  
War I  
HIST 352-3 The Modern History of North Africa: From the 'Barbary'  
Corsairs to Independence  
HIST 465-3 Religion and Nationalism in the 20th Century Middle East  
HIST 467-3 Change and Revolution in Modern Egypt

Department of Political Science

- POL. 433-3 Comparative Developing Systems

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- S.A. 363-4 Social Change in the Third World (with approval of the  
Program Coordinator)  
S.A. 369-4 Political Anthropology (with approval of the Program Coordinator)  
S.A. 463-4 Liberation Movements and Colonialism (with approval of the  
Program Coordinator)