I. Background Information

A. Title of Program: Middle East Studies

B. Department(s): Foreign Languages, Geography and Anthropology, History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Political Science

C. Division: ☑️ Undergraduate Only (Requires approval by APC*) ☐ Undergraduate/Graduate (Requires approval by APC & GC*) ☐ Graduate Only (Requires approval by GC*)

D. Effective Year and Term for Implementation of Action: Fall 2009

II. Unit Approvals

A. Department Chairs

Foreign Languages

Geography and Anthropology

History

Philosophy and Religious Studies

Political Science

B. Dean of College

C. Chair, Academic Policies Committee

D. Chair, Graduate Council (if required)
III. A. Statement of Benefits to the Department(s), College, and University.

This will encourage students to select courses as part of their undergraduate education that lead them to explore issues in the Middle East from a number of perspectives.

B. Identification of target audience(s) and evidence of long-term need.

In a survey of students in the departments that will contribute to the minor and certificate completed this past spring (n=226), 68% of those who responded reported that they were interested or very interested in a Middle East Studies minor. One student is completing a topical minor. A certificate would provide an option for students who are interested but cannot complete the minor. Issues in the Middle East are currently central to world politics and should remain central for some time. Globalizing the curriculum at UW-Eau Claire is consistent with the Centennial Plan.

C. Description of the academic component including:

i. Goals.

Students will examine issues in the Middle East from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

ii. Admission requirements.

None.

iii. Number and array of courses including specification of any required courses. If electives are allowed within the certificate program, an explanation of the proposed electives in light of the need for program cohesion should be included.

Certificate in Middle East Studies

Required:
12 credits from the list below chosen from at least three prefixes.

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iv. A statement identifying program prerequisites.

None.

v. Specification of GPA requirements for course and certificate completion. (NOTE: Passage of every course in an undergraduate certificate program must be at the C+ level of higher; total GPA for the program must be at least 2.5. Passage of every course in a graduate certificate program must be at a 3.0 grade point average or higher; total GPA for the program must be at least 3.0.)

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vi. A statement outlining the certificate program’s relationship to and articulation with existing degree programs and the select mission of UW-Eau Claire.

This is an interdisciplinary certificate program that is similar to the Middle East Studies minor also being proposed. It is a shorter version of the minor and will serve students with an interest in the Middle East who do not have time to complete the minor.

vii. Description of the administration, staffing, and budgeting for the program, including:

a. Evidence that the faculty/staff in the department(s) are willing to teach the courses in the certificate program at the times/locations necessary for completion of the certificate.

The faculty teaching these courses created the certificate proposal.

b. Proposed frequency of course offerings for courses included in the certificate program.

Most courses are taught annually. The HIST and GEOG courses are offered at least once every two years.

c. Proposed arrangements for ongoing advising for students in the certificate program.

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- After CASCC, APC, and GC (if necessary) approvals, complete the UWEC Certificate Master Form for the Registrar’s Office.
- After a student has successfully completed the certificate program, complete the UW-Eau Claire Certificate Completion Form for the Registrar’s Office.
Kate Lang will be the program adviser.

d. Anticipated need for other student support services for students enrolled in the certificate program.

None.

e. For certificate programs involving more than one academic department, identification of an administrative unit for the program.

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