

Michael Rapoport

From: Douglas Kanter
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 1:21 PM
To: Michael Rapoport
Subject: RE: Middle East Studies Meeting

Dear Michael,

History supports the proposed minor and certificate in Middle East Studies.

All the best,

Doug

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Hi Doug,

Can you send me a brief note that History supports the new minor and certificate in Middle East Studies?
Apologies if you already did and I can't find it.

-Michael

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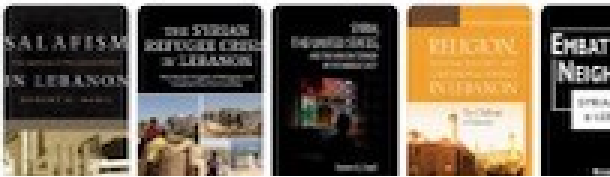
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Best,
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From: Eric Berlatsky
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Hi Eric,

Rachel Harris and I are proposing a new minor and certificate in Middle Eastern Studies. We plan to include some LLCL courses (Arabic, Hebrew, JST – see attachment). Can you let me know if we have LLCL's support?

Thank you!

-Michael

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From: Craig Burnett
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 10:45 AM
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Hi Michael,

Political Science supports this proposal. Thanks for your hard work.

Craig

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