

## Renaissance Program

### *Language Courses*

CLAS 50M-01	Elementary Hebrew I
CLAS 50M-03	Elementary Hebrew II
CLAS 50M-07	Intermediate Hebrew I
CLAS 50M-09	Intermediate Hebrew II

### *Required Foundational Course*

POL 3580H	Politics and Society in the Middle East
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### *Social Sciences Courses (Student must select at least two courses from this group):*

POL 268-468A	Regional Political Dynamics in the Middle East
POL 459A	Politics and Society in the Middle East Today
POL 335C	Nationalism, War and Revolution in the Middle East
SOCI 35M	Images of Women in the Middle East
CORE 399C	Search for Justice in the Middle East

### *Humanities Courses (Students must select at least two courses from this group):*

ENG 270T	Romance and Resistance: 20th Century Arabic Writers
HIS 63M	Jewish History

*Note:* The four courses listed below (INS 225, REL 33, REL 198, and THEO 334) are considered to be equivalent in content. Students may receive credit for only one.

INS 225A	Introduction to Islam
REL 33M	Islam
REL 1980H	Islam and the New World Order
THEO 334T	Islam

*Note:* The three courses listed below (REL 475, REL 146, and THEO 332) are considered to be equivalent in content. Students may receive credit for only one.

REL 475A	Judaism
REL 1460H	Introduction to Judaism
THEO 332T	Judaism
THEO 333T	Contemporary Judaism
REL 3110H	Jewish Ethics
REL 34M	Introduction to Jewish Life and Thought
REL 42M	Women in Judaism
REL 50M	Topics: The Evolution of the Jewish Mind
THEO 370C	Jewish Studies

### **Internships and Study Abroad**

Internships and opportunities for study abroad are available and are accepted for credit toward the minor. No more than one course may be an independent study or internship. Study abroad, internships and independent study are subject to the approval of the student's campus advisor for the minor.

## **Renaissance Program**

Coulter (PHIL), director

The Renaissance Program is an interdisciplinary program which provides students the opportunity of combining the distinct learning experiences of a concentration in a liberal or non-business related field with exposure to career-related studies and significant work experience. It targets students majoring in the liberal arts who want preparation for their career search.

Specifically, the Renaissance Program has a three-fold set of objectives for each of its students.

1. Participants elect a major field of study from any of the liberal arts disciplines, namely, from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and the like. Majors in the Division of Business or the Department of Health and Human Performance are excluded from this program.
2. Participants take the Renaissance Program Professional Minor, composed of a set of six courses selected by each student according to personal interest and career-plan, from a broad range of pre-professional and professional areas.
3. Participants complete one internship in a career-related field. Students are encouraged to be creative and to search for inventive ways of implementing a plan of practical work experience. A variety of options and opportunities are available through the Career Center.

As part of its commitment to Renaissance Program participants, the University of St. Thomas extends to graduates of this program the offer of undergraduate business courses, free of charge and without limit, on a space-available basis. These courses may be taken either for credit or as audits (but may not be used toward a second degree at the university).

## College of Arts and Sciences – Interdisciplinary Programs

Application for admission is made through the office of the Renaissance Program, currently in the Department of Philosophy. Such application should normally take place during the second semester of the sophomore year, but may occur later.

### Renaissance Program Professional Minor

*One of:*

ECON 251 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics

*Note:* Other courses from the Department of Economics may be acceptable if the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

*Plus one of:*

QMCS 110 Introduction to Information Processing

QMCS 120 Computers in Elementary Education and LOGO

QMCS 220 Statistics I

QMCS 230 Software Design Using the JAVA Language

QMCS 238 Software Design Using Business Languages

*Note:* Other courses from the Department of QMCS may be acceptable if the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

*Plus a total of 12 credits in:*

ACCT 205 Introduction to Accounting

BLAW 301 Legal Environment of Business

BUS 201 Ethics and Practice: Foundations of Business

FINC 300 Finance for Non-Business Majors

MGMT 300 Management for Non-Majors

MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing

*Note:* Other courses from the Division of Business may be acceptable if the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

*Plus:*

IDSC 330 Renaissance Program Internship (0 credit)

IDSC 333 Renaissance Program Studies

*Note:* Another course that integrates theoretical and practical themes may be acceptable provided the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

## Russian, Central and East European Studies

Shambour (RUSS), adviser

The ACTC program in Russian, Central and East European Studies seeks to give the broadest possible exposure to the history, politics, literature and philosophy of central and eastern Europe and Russia. This interdisciplinary major offers the student an opportunity to become well-acquainted at the undergraduate level with the rich literary and cultural achievements of the area. The student also acquires fluency and experience with the Russian language, or (through the ACTC language contract with the University of Minnesota) with one of the eastern European languages.

While the collapse of the Soviet Union and its eastern European sphere of influence has eliminated the perceived threat of a world communist movement, the human talent, residual military power and resources of the area guarantee that it will continue to play an important role in global affairs.

Drawing upon the faculty and resources of the five ACTC institutions, courses are offered at Augsburg College, Hamline University, Macalester College, The College of St. Catherine and the University of St. Thomas.

In choosing any major, future career options are an important consideration. This is a sound liberal arts major that offers considerable flexibility and career opportunities, especially when combined with another major or minor in business, economics, history, language and literature, or political science. As this area of the world undergoes transition from Russian socialist dominance to democratic market-oriented societies, the major will offer fascinating career opportunities in government, international business and journalism, as well as in teaching and research. Students who plan to do graduate work in a related discipline, such as history, economics or political science will find the major a strong background for such study. Students are urged to seek career counseling from their adviser in the major.

### Major in Russian, Central and East European Studies

Forty-four credits, including language and area studies courses:

#### Language:

Two years of basic college Russian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Czech, Hungarian or equivalent competencies

#### Area studies:

*Concentration in Humanities*

Sixteen credits from the list of approved courses in Track #1, plus four credits from Track #2, as approved by adviser