

# Middle East Peace Studies

## *Make Peace, Not War*

Over the last century, devastating wars and violence have plagued mankind. The threat of total annihilation remains a real possibility in an age when nuclear weapons have spread to new parts of the world. Thus, in the face of continued war and heightened militarism, Loyola University in line with its Jesuit mission of social justice aims to make a meaningful contribution to world peace by adding to its curriculum a new and innovative interdisciplinary minor in Middle East Peace Studies (MEPS).

While Peace Studies and Middle East Studies programs exist in a number of institutions, Loyola will be unique in combining these two areas into a single academic program. Building on the Jesuit tradition of engaging the world by promoting a value-based education, MEPS seeks to provide an intellectual and practical response to the spread of war in the Middle East and to increased militarism throughout the world. MEPS courses will encourage inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue in a non-partisan fashion.

## About the Minor

### *Make Your Future by Making a Difference*

Middle East Peace Studies is interdisciplinary by nature and open to all students. MEPS curriculum exposes students to the history, politics and culture of the Middle East and to the impact of religious, philosophical, and cultural discourses on war and peace in a global context. It combines studies of historical memory and institutional practices to promote ideals of peace and stability. In addition to courses, and seminars, MEPS offers cultural events, student conferences, public lectures, and personal contacts with internationally known scholars and conflict resolution experts.

The program will do its utmost to place students with internships at local, regional, national or international NGO's. Underlying MEPS mission is a desire to change our world for the better. MEPS is an excellent choice for students who wish pursue a graduate degree in a number of fields, including Middle East Studies, Peace Studies, History, Sociology, Political Science, International Relations, Journalism, and Mass Communications. It also provides an exemplary framework for a career in law, NGOs or a diverse range of international organizations.

MEPS offers scholarships to two students annually.

MEPS Website: <http://interdisciplinary.loyno.edu/mideastpeace>

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## **Fatemeh Moazami Endowed Scholarship In Middle East Peace Studies**

The Mrs. Fatemeh Moazami Endowed Scholarship will be awarded in the 2013 -2014 academic year to two undergraduate students of Middle East Peace Studies (MEPS) at Loyola University. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote excellence in the field of Middle East History and Peace Studies by offering incentives to eligible talented students of the program. The monetary award is \$500 per recipient.

Women of Middle Eastern origins are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **Eligibility:**

- (1) The applicant must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in the fall semester, registered with a minor (or major) in MEPS.
- (2) The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3.
- (3) The applicant must submit the information requested on the Application Form, including the items listed under “**Process**” (below).

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### **Application Form**

Full Name:

Address:

E- Mail:

Major:

Minor(s):

Year:

GPA in Major:

GPA in MEPS:

Faculty Advisor:

**Process:** The completed application form should be sent in electronic format and a paper copy delivered to Dr. David Moore, Chair of the Dept. of History, no later than Wednesday, October 16, 2013. It should contain the following:

1. a one or two page personal statement explaining your reasons for choosing MEPS as a minor (or MAJOR),
2. a letter of recommendation from a full time faculty member,
3. a copy of your undergraduate transcripts,
4. an updated curriculum vitae or résumé, and
5. a writing sample (preferably from a MEPS course).

**The selected candidates will be informed soon after the Application deadline.**