

B.A. IN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

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Middle East Studies offers a bachelor of arts degree or a minor. Its offerings are designed to provide students an appropriate exposure to the history, religions, cultures, and socioeconomic systems of the Middle East, and in turn, that region's relations with the rest of the world, as well as to create balanced perceptions of the various factors and phenomena in the Middle East in historical and contemporary contexts.

The Middle East Studies program requires a total of 31 semester hours in the major including 16 hours of required courses and 15 of electives chosen in consultation with MES adviser.

Code	Title	Hours
Required courses 16 hours:		
MES 2400	Introduction to the Contemporary Cultures of the Middle East through Movies and Arts	3
MES 3200	The Contemporary Middle East a Historical and Modern In-Depth Overview	3
MES 3800	The Governments and Legal Systems of the Contemporary Middle East	3
MES 4200	Current Issues in the Middle East	3
FLAN 3440	Intercultural Communication: Principles And Practice	4
Electives: Chosen with Advisor Approval 15 hours		15
ARBC 1110	Elementary Arabic I	
ARBC 1120	Elementary Arabic II	
ARBC 2140	Intermediate Arabic I	
ARBC 2150	Intermediate Arabic II	
ARBC 3010	Conversation and Composition I	
FREN 1080	Culture And Commerce In The French-Speaking World	
FREN 1090	French & Francophone Culture In The Modern World	
FREN 1110	Elementary French I	
FREN 1120	Elementary French II	
FREN 1500	Review Of Elementary French	
FREN 2140	Intermediate French I	
FREN 2150	Intermediate French II	
GEPL 4810	Political Geography	
GERM 1080	German Culture And Commerce	
GERM 1090	Introduction To Modern German Culture	
GERM 1110	Elementary German I	
GERM 1120	Elementary German II	
GERM 2140	Intermediate German I	
GERM 2150	Intermediate German II	
SPAN 1010	Spanish for Health Care Professionals	
SPAN 1080	Culture & Commerce In The Spanish-Speaking World	
SPAN 1090	Culture Of Latin America	
SPAN 1100	Culture Of Spain	

SPAN 1110	Elementary Spanish I
SPAN 1120	Elementary Spanish II
SPAN 2140	Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 2150	Intermediate Spanish II
HIST 3550	History Of The Middle East Since 1500
PHIL 3500	Eastern Thought
PHIL 3570	Philosophy Of Religion
REL 2310	Old Testament/Tanakh
REL 2500	Introduction To Islam
REL 3350	The Qur'an And Hadith
REL 3980	Special Topics In Religious Studies

Total Hours 31

¹ Students should take HIST 1120 toward the college's distributive Humanities requirement.

First Term	Hours
ENGL 1110 College Composition I	3
AR 1000 First Year Orientation	1
MATH 1180 Reasoning With Mathematics	3
Elementary Language I	4
HIST 1120 Middle East Civilization	3
UT Core Social Science	3
Hours	17

Second Term	Hours
ENGL 1130 College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse	3
Elementary Language II	4
ARBC 1090 Culture of the Arabic-Speaking World	3
Natural Sciences Core	3
Social Sciences Core	3
Hours	16

Third Term	Hours
Intermediate Language I	3
ENGL 2710-ENGL 2800 UT Core Humanities - Literature	3
MES 2400 Introduction to the Contemporary Cultures of the Middle East through Movies and Arts	3
UT Core Natural Science	3
UT Core Natural Science Lab	1
ARBC 1080 Culture and Commerce in the Arabic-Speaking World	3
Hours	16

Fourth Term	Hours
Intermediate Language II	3
GEPL 4810 Political Geography	3
MES 3200 The Contemporary Middle East a Historical and Modern In-Depth Overview	3
Related or minor courses	6
Hours	15

Fifth Term

FLAN 3440	Intercultural Communication: Principles And Practice	4
WGST 2010	Introduction To Gender Studies: Gender, Sex And Difference	3
MES 3800	The Governments and Legal Systems of the Contemporary Middle East	3
Related or minor courses		3
Major elective		3
Hours		16

Sixth Term

MES 4200	Current Issues in the Middle East (US Multicultural Diversity)	3
Related or minor courses		6
Electives		6
Hours		15

Seventh Term

ARBC 4850	Media in the Arab World	3
Related or minor course		3
Electives		6
Hours		12

Eighth Term

FLAN 4980	Special Topics in Foreign Languages	3
Electives		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		122

Students learning outcomes:

- 1- List, distinguish and discuss what countries made up the traditional geography of the Middle East and the Greater Middle East.
- 2- List and discuss the major religions of the Middle East.
- 3- Explain the differences and similarities between the political systems of the Middle East.
- 4- Describe how political, economic, social and cultural structures work within the region.
- 5- Discuss some of the challenges facing Middle East as a region and as individual countries.
- 6- Compare and contrast the cultures within the region.
7. Language proficiency at entry or more advanced level in one of the languages of the region.
- 8- Research, write, present and explain about the relationships within the countries of the region and the international community.