

# Middle East Studies major

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**PREREQUISITES:** Agricultural Economics or Economics 200, and completion of 104 of an approved foreign language (see list on back). Students must receive a grade of C- or higher in 104 before enrolling in the upper level language courses. **Students who receive a lower grade in 104 must repeat this course.**

## 1. REQUIRED FOUNDATION (take all three): 15 hours

International Studies	245	Introduction to the Modern Middle East (5)
AED ECON or IS	537	Middle Eastern Economic Development (5)
Political Science	546	Politics of the Middle East (5)

## 2. PERSPECTIVES (choose three): 15 hours

Anthropology	451	Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (5)
Arabic	671	The Qur'an in Translation (5)
History	540.04	Middle East in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century (5)
History	540.05	Middle East in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century (5)
History	542.01	Intellectual & Social Movements Muslim World (5)
International Studies	645	Contemporary Issues in the Middle East (5)
NELC	351	Introduction to Islam (5)
NELC	372	Literatures & Cultures of the Islamic World (5)
NELC	675	Intellectuals in the Middle East (5)
NELC	678	Islamic Law & Society (5)
Political Science	568	Islamic Political Philosophy: Traditional Eras (5)
Political Science	569	Islamic Political Philosophy: Contemporary Era (5)

## 3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: (complete A, B or C)

- A. Complete one of the language sequences on the back of this document (minimum 10 hours).** Students must complete the prerequisites 101, 102, 103 & 104 or equivalent of the chosen foreign language in order to begin the required upper level courses.
- B. Completion of a foreign language minor.** Students can choose to complete a minor in one of the approved languages to fulfill the advanced language requirement. Courses used on the minor cannot be used on the major. Those selecting 3.B will take 10 additional hours of major electives to replace language courses used for the minor.
- C. Completion of a foreign language major.** Students who choose to complete a second major in one of the approved languages are permitted to count up to 10 credit hours (or two courses) from the foreign language major in this major.

## 4. ELECTIVES: Minimum 10 hours (Honor students 15)

Complete at least 10 credit hours of major electives (15 hours for honor students). Students can choose from unused courses in section 2 or from the Elective List on the back of this document.

If you choose to complete B in section 3, "Completion of a foreign language minor", for the language requirement you must choose 20 hours of electives (25 for honor students).

**MINIMUM HOURS: 50 (honor students 55)**



The study of a world region is intended to provide students with a broad, integrated overview of the influences that have shaped, and continue to shape, its internal evolution as well as the role it plays in the world. The Middle East Studies major introduces students to the cultural, economic, historical and political forces that have combined to determine its contemporary character, shape U.S. policy towards the region and produce the resurgence of Islam that it is currently experiencing.



**4. Middle East Studies Elective List** (choose electives from the list below or unused courses from section 2).

ARABIC	371	Classical & Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation	5
ARABIC	372	Modern Arabic Literature in Translation	5
ECON or INT STDS	443	Analysis & Display of Data	5
HDFS	597.01	International Family Issues: Middle East	5
HEBREW	370	Biblical & Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature in Translation	5
HEBREW	374	Women in Biblical & Post-Biblical Literature	5
HEBREW	376	The Jewish Mystical Tradition	5
HISTORY	530.01	History of Ancient Israel	5
HISTORY	530.02	Second Commonwealth	5
HISTORY	540.02	History of Iran	5
HISTORY	540.03	Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800	5
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	501	Topics in International Studies (with approval of topic)	5-15
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	689	Student Intern Program	5
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	697	Study Abroad	5-15
NELC	345	Women in the Muslim Middle East	5
NELC	360	Sheherazade & Company: Sex, Gender & Power in Middle Eastern Storytelling	5
NELC	370	Mythology of Ancient Egypt & Mesopotamia	5
NELC	644	Culture & Politics in Central Asia	5
PERSIAN	370	Persian Mythology & Folklore	5
PERSIAN	371	Persian Literature in Translation	5
TURKISH	372	Turkish Literature in Translation	5
TURKISH	641	Travels in Turkey	5

**Courses not listed with a focus on the Middle East may be used to satisfy requirements with advisor approval.**

**SECTION 3: A: Approved Language Sequences**

for the Middle East Studies major.

*You must complete one of the following language sequences to satisfy section 3.A of the Foreign Language Requirement, or complete a second major or minor in one of the **approved** languages listed below. Students must complete the prerequisites 101, 102, 103 & 104 or equivalent of the chosen foreign language in order to begin the required upper level courses. You **MUST** receive a C- or higher in 104.*

ARABIC (205.01 & 401) **or** (205.01 & 411) **or** (Arabic 411 & 412)  
 FRENCH 201 & 401  
 HEBREW 205 & 401  
 PERSIAN 201 & 202  
 TURKISH 201 & 202  
 UZBEK 201 & 202

**RULES & GUIDELINES for the major:**

- Students should complete all major prerequisites **BEFORE** beginning coursework in the major.
- A grade of "C-" or higher is required of all coursework in the major.
- A minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required to graduate.
- A maximum of two courses (or 10 credit hours) can overlap with a student's second major where appropriate and with permission.
- GEC and major courses cannot overlap.

**List your language courses here**

**Select A , B, or C:** \_\_\_\_\_

Language 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Language 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Language 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Language 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Language 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Language 6: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total hours:** \_\_\_\_\_