Major requirements for students who started at OSU SU22 & before.

Students choosing a major in Middle East Studies are interested in careers in business, local, state and federal government, and non-profit. This major requires completion of a minimum of two years of language study. Coursework completed at OSU or abroad and/or appropriate placement test results can document this.

To fulfill the foreign language requirement students have three options: complete two years (4 semesters) of a single language, complete a foreign language minor or complete a second major in a language.

For those opting to complete two years in a single language at OSU, after completing 1101, 1102, 1103, you must complete one advanced language course in that language (see list on right).

ARABIC 2104.01
FRENCH 2101.01
HEBREW 2105
PERSIAN 2104
TURKISH 2101

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
All students must complete two full years of training in a single foreign language. But, you also have the choice of completing a minor or a second major in a language.

PRE-MAJOR COURSES
Pre-major courses give students a foundation in their area of study. Students should complete pre-major classes as part of their GE requirements:

Economics 2001.01 (3)
History 2353 (3)

MAJOR COURSES
• Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours and 10 courses.
• Courses used in your major cannot also be used for GE requirements except in the case of double majors. See an advisor for details.
• You must earn a C- or higher in all courses on your major and have a minimum 2.0 grade point average in the major.
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
Complete 30 credit hours (10 courses)

REQUIRED FOUNDATIONS: (complete all four courses): 12 hours
AEDECON or INTSTDS 4537           Middle Eastern Economic Development (3)
International Studies 2200          Introduction to the Modern Middle East (3)
International Studies 5645          Contemporary Issues in the Middle East (3)
Political Science 4327              Politics in the Middle East(3)

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES (choose four): 12 hours
Anthropology 3451                   Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (3)
Arabic 5701                         The Qur’an in Translation (3)
History 3350                        Middle East in the 19th Century (3)
History 3351                        Intellectual & Social Movements in the Muslim World (3)
NELC 3205                           Women in the Muslim Middle East (3)
NELC 3501                           Introduction to Islam (3)
NELC 3502                           Islamic Civilization through the Ages (3)
NELC 5204                           Culture & Politics in Central Asia (3)
NELC 5575                           Intellectuals in the Middle East (3)
NELC 5578                           Islamic Law & Society (3)

ELECTIVES (choose two): 6 hours
For electives, students can choose any combination of two courses from other International Studies specializations, the list below and unused courses from the Critical Perspectives.

Arabic 3301                    Contemporary Folklore in the Arab World (3)
Arabic 5702                    Arabic Folk Narrative in Translation (3)
History 3360                   History of Iran (3)
History 3365                   History of Afghanistan (3)
History 3450                   History of Ancient Israel (to 300 B.C.E.) (3)
History 3470                   Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History (3)
International Studies 3400    The Analysis and Display of Data (3)
International Studies 4195    Selected Problems in International Studies (3-6)
International Studies 4200    Living Jerusalem(3)
International Studies 4252    The Taliban Struggle for Power in Modern Afghanistan (3)
International Studies 4253    Central Asia in World Affairs (3)
International Studies 5191    Student Internship Program (3)
NELC 3230                    Introduction to Shi’i Beliefs and History (3)
NELC 3700                    Mythology of Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia (3)
NELC 3702                    Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World (3)
NELC 3703                    Middle Eastern Literature and Post-Colonial Theory (3)
NELC 3704                    The Middle East in the Media (3)
NELC 4601                    Israeli and Palestinian Literature (3)
NELC 5112                    Languages and Cultures of the Middle East (3)
NELC 5202                    Representing the Near East in Film (3)
NELC 5206                    Colonial Cities in Post-Colonial Memory (3)