MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES
Major Requirements
(60 units total)

NOTE: All students interested in declaring this major must seek advisement from the MEIS Director (see contact information on back) before completing paperwork with a Multidisciplinary Academic Advisor.

1. Language Requirement (24 units)
   - Students must satisfy foreign language proficiency up to the 6th quarter level in one of the following: *Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Hebrew or Urdu*. Students may satisfy this requirement either through a placement exam or course work in that language.

2. Select three (3) courses from the following required list (total 12 units)
   At least one course is required in each area
   I. Survey Courses
      - ARLC 001: Introduction to Arabic Literatures and Cultures
      - HIST 121: Middle Eastern History, 1200 to 1800
      - HIST 124: Women in Middle Eastern and Islamic History
      - RLST 111: Islam
      - RLST 113: Topics in Modern Islam
   II. Specialized Courses
      - GBST 169/ANTH 169: From the Maghreb to the Middle East
      - WMST 168: Gender and Power in Muslim Societies
      - POSC 156: Political Systems across Muslim Societies

3. Select five (5) courses from the elective areas (total 20 units)
   a) Arabic Literature and Cultures
      - ARLC 120: Classical Arabic Literary Prose
      - ARLC/CPLT 154/PHIL 128: Introduction to Arabic Philosophy
      - ARLC/CPLT/MEIS 151: Palestine/Algeria
      - ARLC/CPLT 152: Modern Arabic Poetry in a Multilingual Frame
      - ARLC/CPLT/MEIS/RLST 156: Jews and Arabs
      - ARLC/CPLT/MEIS/RLST 158: Islam and Psychoanalysis
   b) Anthropology
      - ANTH 136/SEAS 136: Anthropological Perspectives on Gender in Southeast Asia
      - ANTH 140 (E-Z): Ethnographic Interpretations (courses focusing on Middle Eastern or Islamic studies ONLY)
   c) Asian Studies
      - AST 167/CPLT 167: Postcolonial Literature and Criticism in Southeast Asia and South Asia
   d) Comparative Ancient Civilizations
      - CPAC/CLA/POSC 121: Monarchy
   e) Creative Writing
      - CWPA 256: Contemporary Literature of the Middle East
   f) Economics
      - ECON 170E: Economic Development in India
   g) Global Studies
      - GBST 191: Seminar in Global Studies (courses focusing on Middle Eastern or Islamic studies ONLY)
   h) History
      - HIST 030: Themes and Personality in History (courses focusing on Middle Eastern or Islamic studies ONLY)
      - HIST 111: Public History and Community Voices
      - HIST 125: Islam and Revolution in Iran
      - HIST 126: Istanbul in History and Fiction

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i) Middle East and Islamic Studies
   MEIS 199: Senior Research

j) Media and Cultural Studies
   MCS 172: Topics in the Film and Media Genres (courses focusing on Middle Eastern or Islamic studies ONLY)

k) Political Science
   POSC 107: Non-Western Political Thought
   POSC 120: The Politics of India and Pakistan
   POSC 133: Politics of Central Asia in Comparative Perspective
   POSC 152: Politics of the Middle East

l) Religious Studies
   RLST 116: Religion and Violence
   RLST 121: Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament
   RLST 130: Bible/New Testament

m) Theatre
   THEA 191J: Staging the Middle East

n) Women’s Studies
   WMST 109: Women, Politics and Social Movements
   WMST 151: Islam, Women, and the State
   WMST 162: Women Issues in Modern Muslim Thought

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