

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

RLST 111: Islam

HIST 121: Middle Eastern History, 1200 to 1800

RLST 113: Topics in Modern Islam

HIST 124: Women in Middle Eastern and Islamic History

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/MEIS/RLST 156: Jews and Arabs

ARLC/CPLT 152: Modern Arabic Poetry in a Multilingual Frame

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 126: Istanbul in History and Fiction

HIST 125: Islam and Revolution in Iran

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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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