University Core and Graduation Requirements
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Suggested Sequence of Courses
Freshman Year
1st Semester
First-year Writing or American Heritage
MESA 203
Civilization 13.0
ARAB 1014.0
Religion Cornerstone course
Total Hours 15.0
2nd Semester
First-year Writing or American Heritage
MESA 2503.0
ARAB 1024.0
Religion Cornerstone course
General electives 3.0
Total Hours 15.0
Sophomore Year
3rd Semester
ARAB 2014.0
MESA Track requirements 3.0
Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
Quantitative Reasoning 3.0
Total Hours 15.0
4th Semester
ARAB 2024.0
MESA Track requirements 3.0
Civilization 23.0
Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
Total Hours 15.0
Junior Year
5th Semester
ARAB 3004.0
ARAB 3024.0
ARAB 211R2.0
ARAB 311R2.0
ARAB 3314.0
Total Hours 16.0
6th Semester
MESA Track requirements 3-4.0
MESA Track requirements 3.0
Biological or Physical Science elective 3.0
General elective 3.0
Religion elective 2.0
Total Hours 14-15.0
Senior Year
7th Semester
Religion elective 2.0
MESA Track requirements 3-4.0
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Biological or Physical Science elective 3.0
Total Hours 14-16.0
8th Semester
MESA 4953.0
MESA track elective 2-3.0
MESA Track requirements 3.0
Religion elective 2.0
Arts or Letters elective 3.0
GE Social Science 3.0
Total Hours 16-17.0
Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
BA in Middle East Studies / Arabic (570141) 2022-2023 Program Requirements (62 - 70 Credit Hours)

Students should take courses in this approximate sequence: (1) language prerequisites; (2) core major curriculum; (3) track requirements in "History and Humanities" or "Social Sciences"; (4) Arabic study abroad; (5) track electives; and (6) senior seminar.

Note: Students with a second major in Arabic language cannot double count the same upper-division Arabic courses for both the double major and for MESA elective credit.

requirement 1 Complete 2 courses
Complete the following language prerequisite courses or equivalent.
ARAB 101 - First-Year Arabic 4.0
ARAB 102 - First-Year Arabic 4.0

requirement 2 Complete 5 courses
Complete the following core curriculum:
ARAB 201 - Second-Year Arabic 4.0
*ARAB 202 - Intermediate Arabic 4.0
MESA 201 - Introduction to Middle East Studies 3.0
MESA 250 - Introduction to the Religion of Islam 3.0
MESA 300 - Professional Development in International Studies 1.0

requirement 3 Complete 5 courses
Complete the one-semester Study Abroad program in the Arab world, which includes the following Arabic language courses:
ARAB 211R - Second-Year Conversation 2.0
ARAB 300 - Advanced Modern Standard Arabic 4.0
ARAB 302 - Newspaper Arabic 4.0
ARAB 311R - Third-Year Conversation 2.0
ARAB 331 - Spoken Arabic 4.0

requirement 4 Complete 1 course
Complete a senior seminar in Middle Eastern Studies. (Note: This course should be taken after returning from the semester abroad. Choose a senior seminar section on a topic appropriate to your track specialization when available.)
MESA 495 - Senior Seminar in Middle East Studies 3.0

requirement 5 Complete 1 option
Choose and complete one of the following disciplinary tracks:
option 5.1 Complete 4 groups
History and Humanities track:
group 5.1.1 Complete 4 courses
ARAB 424R - Modern Arabic Literature 2.0
HIST 240 - Middle East History to 1800 3.0
HIST 241 - Middle East History from 1800 3.0
IHUM 242 - Introduction to the Humanities of the Islamic World 3.0
group 5.1.2 Complete 1 course
CMLIT 310 - Introduction to Literary Analysis and Comparative Literature 3.0

option 5.1 Complete 1 course
History and Humanities track:
group 5.1.3 Complete 1 course
ARAB 361 - Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0
ARAB 362 - Introduction to Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0
group 5.1.4 Complete 11.0 hours from the following course(s)
ANTHR 340 - Peoples of the Middle East 3.0
ANTHR 379 - Archaeology of Islam 3.0
ARAB 361 - Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0
ARAB 362 - Introduction to Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0
ARAB 377 - Arabic Language Teaching Methods 3.0
ARAB 411R - Advanced Formal Arabic Conversation and Rhetorical Skills 3.0v
ARAB 422R - Advanced Spoken Arabic 2.0
ARAB 424R - Modern Arabic Literature 2.0
You may take this course up to 2 times.
ARAB 425R - Classical Arabic Texts 2.0
You may take this course up to 2 times.
ARAB 427 - Arab Women Authors 2.0
ARAB 495R - Directed Studies in Arabic 3.0v
*GEOG 271 - Middle East 3.0
HEB 201 - Second-Year Modern Hebrew 1 4.0
HIST 244 - Jewish History: A.D. 70 to the Present 3.0
HIST 308 - The Mediterranean 3.0
HIST 335 - Crusades 3.0
HIST 390R - Special Topics in History 3.0v
IAS 354R - Model Arab League Preparation 3.0v
IAS 399R - International and Area Studies Academic Internship 9.0v
You may take up to 3 credit hours.
IHUM 350 - Interpretation of Literature and the Arts 3.0
LING 452 - Introduction to Sociolinguistics 3.0
MESA 320 - The Qur'an in English 3.0
MESA 350 - Islam in Contemporary Society 3.0
MESA 380 - Middle Eastern Field Studies 1.0
MESA 399R - Academic Internship 3.0v
You may take up to 3 credit hours.
MESA 451 - (Not currently offered)
MESA 467R - Topics in Middle East Studies 3.0v
PERSI 201 - Second-Year Language Study: Persian 4.0
POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0
POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East 3.0
POLI 452 - Islam and Politics 3.0
POLI 474 - Arab-Palestinian-Israeli Conflict 3.0
TURK 201 - Second-Year Language Study: Turkish 4.0
Note 1: Arab 361 and 362 can only be taken for elective credit if they are not used to satisfy the core track credit requirement.
Note 2: Arab 424R and 425R can each be taken up to two times with different content, including in fulfilling the core track requirement.
Note 3: Students can receive no more than 3 total internship credit hours to satisfy this requirement.
Note 4: Relevant MESA 467R courses can be taken for credit with permission.
Note 5: Students with a second major in Arabic Language cannot double count the same upper-division Arabic courses for both the double major and for MESA elective credit.

option 5.2 Complete 4 groups
Social Sciences track:
group 5.2.1 Complete 5 courses
ECON 110 - Economic Principles and Problems 3.0
*GEOG 271 - Middle East 3.0
HIST 241 - Middle East History from 1800 3.0
POLI 200 - Political Inquiry 4.0
POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0
group 5.2.2 Complete 1 course
POLI 150 - Comparative Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 170 - Introduction to International Politics 3.0
POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0
POLI 270 - Principles of International Relations 3.0

Group 5.2.3 Complete 2.0 hours from the following course(s)
ARAB 411R - Advanced Formal Arabic Conversation and Rhetorical Skills 3.0v
ARAB 422R - Advanced Spoken Arabic 2.0
ARAB 423R - Current Events in Arabic 2.0
ARAB 424R - Modern Arabic Literature 2.0
ARAB 427 - Arab Women Authors 2.0
ARAB 495R - Directed Studies in Arabic 3.0v

Group 5.2.4 Complete 7.0 hours from the following course(s)
ANTHR 340 - Peoples of the Middle East 3.0
ECON 230 - Economic Development and Growth 3.0
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GEOG 341 - Political Geography 3.0
HEB 201 - Second-Year Modern Hebrew 1 4.0
HIST 240 - Middle East History to 1800 3.0
IAS 354R - Model Arab League Preparation 3.0v
IAS 399R - International and Area Studies Academic Internship 9.0v
You may take up to 3 credit hours.
IHUM 242 - Introduction to the Humanities of the Islamic World 3.0
LING 452 - Introduction to Sociolinguistics 3.0
MESA 320 - The Qur'an in English 3.0
MESA 350 - Islam in Contemporary Society 3.0
MESA 380 - Middle Eastern Field Studies 1.0
MESA 399R - Academic Internship 3.0v
You may take up to 3 credit hours.
MESA 467R - Topics in Middle East Studies 3.0v
PERSI 201 - Second-Year Language Study: Persian 4.0
POLI 328 - Statistical Analysis 4.0
POLI 344 - Comparative Political Economy 3.0
POLI 359R - Topics in Comparative Politics 3.0v
You may take up to 3 credit hours.
POLI 376 - U.S. Foreign Policy 3.0
POLI 377 - National Security Affairs 3.0
POLI 378 - International Conflict 3.0
POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East 3.0
POLI 444 - The Political Economy of Development 3.0
POLI 452 - Islam and Politics 3.0
POLI 472 - International Political Economy of Women 3.0
POLI 473 - Human Rights 3.0
POLI 474 - Arab-Palestinian-Israeli Conflict 3.0
POLI 475 - Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence 3.0
POLI 476 - Terrorism 3.0
SOC 340 - Sociology of International Development 3.0
SOC 345 - World Populations 3.0
SOC 367 - Sociology of Gender 3.0
TURK 201 - Second-Year Language Study: Turkish 4.0

Note 1: Students can receive no more than 3 total internship credit hours to satisfy this requirement.
Note 2: Relevant MESA 467R and POLI 359R courses can be taken for credit with permission.
Note 3: POLI 328 is strongly recommended for those pursuing careers involving research or analysis.
Note 4: Only one course of either Turkish or Persian will count.

THE DISCIPLINE:
Middle East Studies examines the Arabic-, Turkish-, and Persian-speaking peoples and countries of the Middle East from a variety of perspectives. The region itself provides the focus, but historians, political scientists, anthropologists, economists, geographers, linguists, art historians, and literary and religious scholars all provide important insights into the area, each from the context of their own discipline. Undergirding all of these perspectives is linguistic skill in Arabic, through which access to original sources, press analyses, and native speakers is possible. Middle East Studies/Arabic as a whole tries to integrate these insights and to provide analysis and understanding that go beyond any single discipline.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS:
All students majoring in International and Area Studies programs are encouraged to seek a meaningful experience with a foreign culture as part of their academic program. Credit earned while participating in a university-sponsored Study Abroad program, the Washington Seminar, international internships, or other supervised foreign experiences may be applied toward major requirements. For further information see the director of undergraduate studies or your faculty advisor.

HONORARY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS:
Model U.N. (IAS 351R), Model Arab League, Arabic Club, Sigma Iota Rho, and Middle East Studies Arabic Students (MESAS).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
The Middle East Studies/Arabic major aims specifically to prepare students to work as analysts and experts on the Middle East for government agencies, businesses, and other organizations.

Linguistic skill in Arabic, as well as a solid understanding of the history, politics, and culture of the region is vital to these agencies, many of them desperate for real expertise and language ability.

With its integrated, interdisciplinary focus on a single region and a strong emphasis on acquiring a usable knowledge of Arabic, it is also a good liberal arts major for students planning a career in law, medicine, or business in general—in fact, any field where a broad understanding and finely honed analytical and writing skills are valued.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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