MIDDLE EAST STUDIES (MEST)

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*Please notify your faculty MEST advisor and the MEST director of your intent to participate in the program.

To attain a major in MEST, the student is required to have a second major in one of the following areas: ANTH, COMM, ECON (BA), FREN, GEOG, HIST, IREL, JOUR, PLSC, SOCI, or SPAN. Up to 9 hours of courses in the second major with MEST content may be counted towards the MEST major with the permission of the MEST director.

30 hours to include:

- MEST 2013 Introduction to Middle East Studies and
- MEST 4003 (or 4003H) MEST Colloquium

6 hours of Arabic beyond the Fulbright College language proficiency requirement (ARAB 2016)
- ARAB

In addition, 18 hours of MEST or MEST-approved core courses.* MEST courses must be in at least two disciplines, with no fewer than 9 hours of MEST core courses in one discipline:

- ANTH 3123 Anthropology of Religion
- ANTH 3033 Egyptology (Junior Standings)
- ANTH 4123 Ancient Middle East
- ANTH 4256 Archeological Field Session
- ANTH 4513 African Religions
- ANTH 4533 Middle East Cultures
- ANTH 4913 Topics in the Middle East
- GEOG 2003 World Regional Geography
- GEOG 4033 Geography of the Middle East (Junior Standings)
- GEOG 410V Special Problems in GEOG: Middle East/ North Africa
- HIST 3033 Islamic Civilizations
- HIST 3043 History of the Modern Middle East
- HIST 3473 Palestine and Israel in Modern Times
- HIST 3923H Honors Colloquium (approved selected topics)
- HIST 4353 Middle East 600-1250
- HIST 4373 Mongol and Mamluk 1250-1520
- HIST 4393 Early Modern Islamic Empires 1300-1750
- HIST 4413 New Women in the Middle East
- HIST 4433 Social and Cultural History of the Modern Middle East
- HUMN 2213 Introduction to World Religions
- HUMN 425V Colloquium (approved selected topics)
- MEST 2003 Islam: History and Practice
- MEST 4003 Middle East Studies Colloquium (or MEST 4003H) (Sophomore Standing)

*May be repeated for 6 hours total re: a new subject

- PLSC 3523 Politics of the Middle East
- PLSC 3813 International Law (Junior Standing)
- PLSC 4593 Islam and Politics
- PLSC 4843 The Middle East in World Affairs
- WLIT 3983/603V Special Studies: (approved special topics)

*To count for MEST credit, courses not on the following list must be approved by the student’s MEST major advisor and the MEST director. Individualized readings, directed research courses, or courses in a second Middle Eastern language may count as MEST core courses with the approval of the MEST major advisor and MEST director. Eastern language may count as MEST core courses with the approval of the MEST major advisor and MEST director.

**This form is NOT a substitute for the Catalog of Studies. Students should verify this information with their advisor, their degree audit, and the Catalog of Studies.**