

Dependent Major Map for Middle East Studies (MESTDEPMAJ) 2016-17 through 2023-24 Catalog Years



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Department Information:

Faculty who have exception/substitution authority: Shirin Saeidi

Transfer Coursework Restriction: At least 50% of a student's Arts and Sciences (ARSC) major or minor must be taken at the University of Arkansas.

Category	Degree Requirements	Curriculum Notes
<p>ARABIC LANGUAGE</p> <p>6-18 hrs</p>	<p>Students must complete 6 hrs of ARAB classes beyond the 2016 level:</p> <p>___ ARAB 1016, Intensive Arabic I (Fall) [may not be required based on prior fluency]*</p> <p>___ ARAB 2016, Elementary Arabic II (Spring) [may not be required based on prior fluency]**</p> <p>___ ARAB 3016, Intensive Arabic III (Fall. Pre-req: ARAB 2016)</p>	<p>Students will start at the 1003, beginning 1 level, when studying a language they have never studied before. (The most common sequence is 1003, 1013, and then 2003. See the catalog for more information.) If students have previous experience with a language, it is possible to skip beginning classes.</p> <p>*Or, ARAB 1003 (Spring) and ARAB 1013 (Fall)</p> <p>*Or ARAB 2003 (Spring) and ARAB 2013 (Irregular)</p>
<p>MIDDLE EAST STUDIES CORE</p> <p>6 hrs</p>	<p>___ MEST 2013, Introduction to Middle East Studies (Fall)</p> <p>___ MEST 4003, Middle East Studies Colloquium (Spring)</p>	
<p>MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ELECTIVES</p> <p>18 hrs</p>	<p>Take 18 hrs of courses from below with the following criteria:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least two different departments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least 9 hrs must come from the same department</p> <p>Take 18 hrs:</p> <p>___ ANTH 3903, Topics in Anthropology (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ ANTH 3923H, Topics in Anthropology (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ ANTH 4533, Middle East Cultures (Spring., May be repeated for up to 9 hrs of degree credit)</p> <p>___ ANTH 4913, Topics of the Middle East (Irregular. May be repeated for up to 9 hrs of degree credit)</p> <p>___ ARAB 4016, Immersive Arabic IV</p> <p>___ ARAB 4023, Advanced Arabic I</p> <p>___ ARAB 4033, Advanced Arabic II</p> <p>___ ARAB 4053, Arabic Readings</p> <p>___ ARAB 4113, Modern Arabic Literature</p> <p>___ ARAB 4213, Arab Culture and Civilization</p>	<p>The following classes were listed in the catalog through 2019, and if students took them before Fall 2020, they can count in the major:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTH 3033, Egyptology • ANTH 4123, Ancient Middle East <p>The following classes were listed in the catalog through 2022, and if students took them before Fall 2023, they can count in the major:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTH 3123, Anthropology of Religion • ANTH 4256, Archeological Field Session • ANTH 4513, African Religions: Gods, Witches, Ancestors • GEOS 2003, World Regional Geography • HUMN 2213, Introduction to World Religions • HUMN 425V, Colloquium (Approved selected topics) • PLSC 3813, International Law

	<p>___ ARAB 470V, Special Topics</p> <p>___ ENGL 3583, Topics in Arab American Literature and Culture</p> <p>___ ENGL 4583, Studies in Arab American Literature and Culture</p> <p>___ GEOS 4043, Geography of the Middle East (Fall. Pre-req: Junior Standing)</p> <p>___ GEOS 410V, Special Problems in Geosciences (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ HIST 3033, Islamic Civilization (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 3043, History of the Modern Middle East (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 3473, Palestine and Israel in Modern Times (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 3923H, Honors Colloquium (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ HIST 398V, Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ HIST 4333, Modern Islamic Thought</p> <p>___ HIST 4363, The Middle East Since 1914</p> <p>___ HIST 4393, Early Modern Islamic Empires, 1300-1750 (Spring, even years)</p> <p>___ HIST 4413, New Women in the Middle East (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 4433, Social and Cultural History of the Modern Middle East (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 4893, History Seminar (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ MEST 2003, Introduction to Islam (Irregular)</p> <p>___ MEST 3003, Islam: Beliefs and Practices</p> <p>___ MEST 340V, Independent Study</p> <p>___ MEST 399V, Honors Thesis</p> <p>___ MEST 4003, Middle East Studies Colloquium</p> <p>___ MEST 4103, Special Topics in Middle East Studies</p> <p>___ PLSC 3523, Politics of the Middle East (Fall)</p> <p>___ PLSC 390V, Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ PLSC 400V, Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ PLSC 4523, Introduction to Gender and Politics in the Middle East</p> <p>___ PLSC 4593, Islam and Politics (Fall)</p> <p>___ PLSC 4633, Citizenship in the Middle East</p> <p>___ PLSC 4843, The Middle East in World Affairs (Spring)</p> <p>___ WLIT 3523, The Quran as Literature</p> <p>___ WLIT 3713, Literature of Spain</p> <p>___ WLIT 3983, Special Studies (Topic must be approved by department)</p>	
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