

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



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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 |
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| ARABIC LANGUAGE 6-18 hrs | <p>Students must complete 6 hrs of ARAB classes beyond the 20106 level:</p> <p>___ ARAB 10106, Intensive Arabic I (Fall) [may not be required based on prior fluency]**</p> <p>___ ARAB 20106, Elementary Arabic II (Spring) [may not be required based on prior fluency]***</p> <p>___ ARAB 30106, Intensive Arabic III (Required. Fall. Pre-req: ARAB 20106)</p> | <p>**Or, ARAB 10103 (Spring) and ARAB 10203 (Fall)</p> <p>***Or ARAB 20103 (Spring) and ARAB 20203 (Irregular)</p> |
| MIDDLE EAST STUDIES CORE 6 hrs | <p>___ MEST 20103, Introduction to Middle East Studies (Fall)</p> <p>___ MEST 40003, Middle East Studies Colloquium (Spring)</p> | |
| MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ELECTIVES 18 hrs | <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 39003, Topics in Anthropology (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ ANTH 392H3, Topics in Anthropology (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ ANTH 45303, Middle East Cultures (Spring., May be repeated for up to 9 hrs of degree credit)</p> <p>___ ANTH 49103, Topics of the Middle East (Irregular. May be repeated for up to 9 hrs of degree credit)</p> <p>___ ARAB 40203, Advanced Arabic I</p> <p>___ ARAB 40303, Advanced Arabic II</p> <p>___ ARAB 40503, Arabic Readings</p> <p>___ ARAB 41103, Modern Arabic Literature</p> <p>___ ARAB 42103, Arab Culture and Civilization</p> <p>___ ARAB 4700V, Special Topics</p> <p>___ ENGL 35203, The Quran as Literature</p> <p>___ ENGL 35803, Topics in Arab American Literature and Culture</p> <p>___ ENGL 37103, Literature of Spain</p> | <p>*Not all classes in this list may appear in older catalog, but students in any catalog may take classes from this list.</p> <p>The following classes were listed in the catalog through 2023, and if students took them before Fall 2024, they can count in the major:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARAB 4016 Immersive Arabic IV • MEST 4003 Middle East Studies Colloquium <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 |

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| | <p>___ ENGL 39803, Special Studies (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ ENGL 45803, Studies in Arab American Literature and Culture</p> <p>___ GEOS 40403, Geography of the Middle East (Fall. Pre-req: Junior Standing)</p> <p>___ GEOS 4100V, Special Problems in Geosciences (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ HIST 30303, Islamic Civilization (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 30403, History of the Modern Middle East (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 34703, Palestine and Israel in Modern Times (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 392H3, Honors Colloquium (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ HIST 3980V, Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ HIST 43303, Modern Islamic Thought</p> <p>___ HIST 43603, The Middle East Since 1914</p> <p>___ HIST 43903, Early Modern Islamic Empires, 1300-1750 (Spring, even years)</p> <p>___ HIST 44103, New Women in the Middle East (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 44303, Social and Cultural History of the Modern Middle East (Irregular)</p> <p>___ HIST 48903, History Seminar (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ MEST 20003, Introduction to Islam (Irregular)</p> <p>___ MEST 30003, Islam: Beliefs and Practices</p> <p>___ MEST 3400V, Independent Study</p> <p>___ MEST 399HV, Honors Thesis</p> <p>___ MEST 40003, Middle East Studies Colloquium</p> <p>___ MEST 41003, Special Topics in Middle East Studies</p> <p>___ MEST any (any additional course with the MEST prefix, with the exception of MEST 40003, can count towards this requirement)</p> <p>___ PLSC 35203, Politics of the Middle East (Fall)</p> <p>___ PLSC 3900V, Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ PLSC 4000V, Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department)</p> <p>___ PLSC 45203, Introduction to Gender and Politics in the Middle East</p> <p>___ PLSC 45903, Islam and Politics (Fall)</p> <p>___ PLSC 46303, Citizenship in the Middle East</p> <p>___ PLSC 48403, The Middle East in World Affairs (Spring)</p> | |
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