

Dependent Major Map for Middle East Studies (MESTDEPMAJ)

Catalog Years: 2024-25 through 2025-26

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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.

Academic Requirement Name	Degree Requirements	Curriculum Notes
Intensive Arabic I 6 hrs	Choose 1 sequence: ____ ARAB 10106 Intensive Arabic I Or: ____ ARAB 10103 Elementary Arabic I and ____ ARAB 10203 Elementary Arabic II	
Intro to Middle East Studies 3 hrs	____ MEST 20103 Introduction to Middle East Studies	
Middle East Studies Colloquium 3 hrs	____ MEST 40003 Middle East Studies Colloquium	
Middle East Studies Electives for Major 12 hrs	Take 12 hrs of courses from below with the following criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> No more than 6 hrs from the same department <input type="checkbox"/> at least 3 hrs taken at the 30000 level or higher Take 12 hrs:* ____ ANTH 39003 Topics in Anthropology (Topic must be approved by department) ____ ANTH 392H3 Topics in Anthropology (Topic must be approved by department) ____ ANTH 45303 Middle East Cultures ____ ANTH 49103 Topics of the Middle East ____ ARAB 40203 Advanced Arabic I ____ ARAB 40303 Advanced Arabic II ____ ARAB 40503 Arabic Readings ____ ARAB 41103 Modern Arabic Literature ____ ARAB 42103 Arab Culture and Civilization ____ ARAB 4700V Special Topics ____ ENGL 35203 The Quran as Literature	<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

	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 35803 Topics in Arab American Literature and Culture <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 37103 Literature of Spain <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 39803 Special Studies (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 45803 Studies in Arab American Literature and Culture <input type="checkbox"/> GEOS 40403 Geography of the Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> GEOS 4100V Special Problems in Geosciences (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 30303 Islamic Civilization <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 30403 History of the Modern Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 34703 Palestine and Israel in Modern Times <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 392H3 Honors Colloquium (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 3980V Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 43303 Modern Islamic Thought <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 43603 The Middle East Since 1914 <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 43903 Early Modern Islamic Empires 1300-1750 <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 44103 New Women in the Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 44303 Social and Cultural History of the Modern Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 48903 History Seminar (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> MEST 20003 Introduction to Islam <input type="checkbox"/> MEST 30003 Islam: Beliefs and Practices <input type="checkbox"/> MEST 3400V Independent Study <input type="checkbox"/> MEST 399HV Honors Thesis <input type="checkbox"/> MEST 41003 Special Topics in Middle East Studies <input type="checkbox"/> MEST any (any additional course with the MEST prefix with the exception of MEST 40003 can count towards this requirement) <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 35203 Politics of the Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 3900V Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4000V Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department) <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 45203 Introduction to Gender and Politics in the Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 45903 Islam and Politics <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 46303 Citizenship in the Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 48403 The Middle East in World Affairs </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUMN 2213 Introduction to World Religions • HUMN 425V Colloquium (Approved selected topics) • PLSC 3813 International Law
MEST Residency Rule 0 Additional Hours	Of courses taken for the above requirements students must complete 3 hours of courses with the MEST course prefix in residence.	In residence means courses taken from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville Campus. This includes UA faculty-led study abroad classes online/on-campus classes and Global Campus

		courses and all other courses paid towards Fayetteville campus tuition and fees.
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