

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.

Academic Requirement Name	Degree Requirements	Curriculum Notes
Intensive Arabic III 6-18 hrs	Students must complete 6 hrs of ARAB classes beyond the 20106 level: ____ ARAB 10106 Intensive Arabic I (or fluency)** ____ ARAB 20106 Elementary Arabic II (or fluency)*** ____ ARAB 30106 Intensive Arabic III (Required)	Only the last class in the sequence pulls in to Workday Student but the expectation is that students have taken all levels leading up to the course unless they have prior fluency. **Or ARAB 10103 (Spring) and ARAB 10203 (Fall) ***Or ARAB 20103 (Spring) and ARAB 20203 (Irregular)
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 18 hrs	Take 18 hrs of courses from below with the following criteria: ☐ At least two different departments ☐ At least 9 hrs must come from the same department Take 18 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	*Not all classes in this list may appear in older catalog but students in any catalog may take classes from this list. The following classes were listed in the catalog through 2023 and if students took them before Fall 2024 they can count in the major: • ARAB 4016 Immersive Arabic IV • MEST 4003 Middle East Studies Colloquium The following classes were listed in the catalog through 2019 and if students took them before Fall 2020 they can count in the major: • ANTH 3033 Egyptology • ANTH 4123 Ancient Middle East The following classes were listed in the catalog through 2022 and if students took them before Fall 2023 they can count in the major: • ANTH 3123 Anthropology of Religion • ANTH 4256 Archeological Field Session • ANTH 4513 African Religions: Gods Witches Ancestors

	☐ ENGL 35803 Topics in Arab American Literature and Culture ☐ ENGL 37103 Literature of Spain ☐ ENGL 39803 Special Studies (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ ENGL 45803 Studies in Arab American Literature and Culture ☐ GEOS 40403 Geography of the Middle East ☐ GEOS 4100V Special Problems in Geosciences (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ HIST 30303 Islamic Civilization ☐ HIST 30403 History of the Modern Middle East ☐ HIST 34703 Palestine and Israel in Modern Times ☐ HIST 392H3 Honors Colloquium (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ HIST 3980V Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ HIST 43303 Modern Islamic Thought ☐ HIST 43603 The Middle East Since 1914 ☐ HIST 43903 Early Modern Islamic Empires 1300-1750 ☐ HIST 44103 New Women in the Middle East ☐ HIST 44303 Social and Cultural History of the Modern Middle East ☐ HIST 48903 History Seminar (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ MEST 20003 Introduction to Islam ☐ MEST 30003 Islam: Beliefs and Practices ☐ MEST 3400V Independent Study ☐ MEST 399HV Honors Thesis ☐ MEST 40003 Middle East Studies Colloquium ☐ MEST 41003 Special Topics in Middle East Studies ☐ MEST any (any additional course with the MEST prefix can count towards this requirement) ☐ PLSC 35203 Politics of the Middle East ☐ PLSC 3900V Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ PLSC 4000V Special Topics (Topic must be approved by department) ☐ PLSC 45203 Introduction to Gender and Politics in the Middle East ☐ PLSC 45903 Islam and Politics ☐ PLSC 46303 Citizenship in the Middle East ☐ PLSC 48403 The Middle East in World Affairs	• GEOS 2003 World Regional Geography • 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.

