

Dependent Major Map for Middle East Studies (MESTDEPMAJ) 2024-25 through 2026-27 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 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 40003/400H3 Middle East Studies Colloquium	
Middle East Studies Electives for Major 12 hrs	Take 12 hrs of courses from below with the following criteria: ☐ No more than 6 hrs from the same department ☐ 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	*The following classes are being added to the MEST electives list in a future catalog. Students wishing to count them for their electives requirements may request a standing substitution from their ARSC advisor: • ARAB 40106 Immersive Arabic IV • ARAB 30303 Colloquial Arabic • HIST 46803 The Crusades and Islam • HIST 37603 History of Central Asia • HIST 49903 History of the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1923 ** This course was added to the 2026-27 catalog. Students on older catalog years may request to count this course via a standing substitution from their ARSC advisor. The following classes were listed in the catalog through the 2019-20 catalog. If students took them before Fall 2020 they may request a standing substitution from their ARSC advisor: • ANTH 3033 Egyptology • ANTH 4123 Ancient Middle East

	☐ 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 32333 New Testament Histories** ☐ 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 41003 Special Topics in Middle East Studies ☐ MEST any additional course with the MEST prefix ☐ 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	The following classes were listed in the catalog through the 2022-23 catalog. If students took them before Fall 2023 they may request a standing substitution from their ARSC advisor: • 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 • 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.

