

3390 Middle East Studies

Programs Offered:

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Middle East Studies

This program provides an opportunity for students to explore the interdisciplinary field of Middle East Studies. Students select from a variety of courses on the Middle East offered in a range of disciplines, including religious studies, political science, history, geography, women's studies and art history. Students are required to study Arabic, Turkish, Hebrew, or another appropriate Middle East language. This major is designed to prepare students for further graduate study in the field or for careers in government, the non-profit sector or the military. If interested, please contact Dr. Dona J. Stewart, director of the Middle East Institute at (404) 651-4230 or djstewart@gsu.edu.

Program Degree Requirements

Please refer to the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies section 3030.50 of this catalog for detailed admission and academic regulations for this program.

In addition to the Program Degree Requirements, students must fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements (see section 3030) and the University Degree Requirements (see section 1400).

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Area F: Courses Appropriate to the Major (18)

1. Language: competency in Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, or another Middle Eastern language through 2002 level is required (9).
2. Middle East Studies courses chosen in consultation with adviser. (9)

Area G: Area of Concentration (27-33)

1. Select two courses (6)

HIST 4780	The Middle East, 600-1800
HIST 4790	The Middle East since 1800
POLS4260	Politics of Middle East/North Africa
GEOG 4408	Geography of the Middle East
RELS 3400	Introduction to Judaism
RELS 3500	Introduction to Islam
AH 4010	Art of Ancient Egypt and Nubia,
AH 4020	Art and Architecture of the Ancient Near East
2. Select one course (3-4)

JST 3000	Introduction to Jewish Studies
HIST 3000	Introduction to Historical Studies
ANTH 4020	Anthropological Theory
SOCI 3010	Social Statistics
POLS 3800	Introduction to Political Research
ECON 3900	Macroeconomics
ECON 3910	Microeconomics
GEOG 2206	Introductory Mapping and GIS
RELS 3050	Introduction to Religion
3. Eighteen to twenty-one hours taken at the 3000 level or above in consultation with the adviser. Students select upper level courses from the Middle East Studies course list. Courses must be taken in at least two departments.

4. Additional courses to complete concentration. Additional language beyond the 2002 level is strongly recommended.

Current courses include:

AH	4010	Art of Ancient Egypt and Nubia
AH	4011	Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt I: 4000 - 1600 BC
AH	4012	Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt II: 1600 BC – 31 BC
AH	4020	Art and Architecture of the Ancient Near East
AH	4900	Special Topics in Art History (when appropriate) recent topics have included: Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs, Iconography and Symbolism in Ancient Funerary Art, Art of Persia and Mughal India, Islamic Art 1, Islamic Art 2, Ancient Egyptian Portraiture, and Orientalism
ARBC	3001	Advanced Arabic 1
ARBC	3002	Advanced Arabic 2
ARBC	3501	Arabic Literature in Translation 1
ARBC	3502	Arabic Literature in Translation 2
GEOG	4408	Geography of the Middle East
HIST	4780	The Middle East, 600 – 1800
HIST	4790	The Middle East since 1800
POLS	4260	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
POLS	4285	Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective
POLS	4952	Model Arab League
RELS	3520	Sufism and Islamic Mysticism
ENGL	3100	Introduction to Jewish Studies
RELS	3400	Introduction to Judaism
RELS	3500	Introduction to Islam
RELS	4280	Religious Dimensions of the Holocaust
HIST	4245	Worlds of Eastern Christianity (to 1300)
RELS	4450	Modern Judaism
RELS	4480	Islamic Fundamentalism in the Modern World
RELS	4570	Special Topics in Islam
SOCI	3228	The Holocaust

New courses are regularly added to this list, please check with the Middle East Institute for the most recent list of courses.

Area H: Allied Field (15-21)

1. Non-Middle East Studies courses chosen in consultation with the adviser.

Area J: Electives

Electives are used to build the hours in Areas G-J to 60 hours.

Study Abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in a study abroad program to the region. Currently MEI faculty conduct programs to Egypt, Turkey and Tunisia.