

Suggested Arrangement of Courses, Middle Eastern Studies (BA)

Requirements		Hours
1st Semester		
MES 301K	Introduction to the Middle East: Religious, Cultural, and Historical Foundations (Major)	3
Visual and Performing Arts (Core) ⁰⁵⁰		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Core) ⁰¹⁰	3
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought course (General Education)		3
UGS 302	First-Year Signature Course (Core) ⁰⁹⁰	3
or UGS 303	First-Year Signature Course	
2nd Semester		
MES 301L	Introduction to the Middle East: Adjustment and Change in Modern Times (Major)	3
Mathematics (Core) ⁰²⁰		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core) ⁰⁸⁰		3
U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰		3
MES 301C	Gateway to the Middle East (Major)	3
3rd Semester		
Minor/Certificate course (Major)		3
Free elective (Elective)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (Core) ⁰⁹³		3
ARA 601C	Intensive Arabic I (Major, General Education)	6
or HEB 601C	Intensive Hebrew I	
or PRS 601C	Intensive Persian I	
or TUR 601C	Intensive Turkish I	
4th Semester		
Minor/Certificate course (Major)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (Core) ⁰³⁰		3
U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰		3
ARA 611C	Intensive Arabic II (Major, General Education)	6
or HEB 611C	Intensive Hebrew II	
or PRS 611C	Intensive Persian II	
or TUR 611C	Intensive Turkish II	
5th Semester		
ARA 621K	Intensive Arabic III (Major)	3
or HEB 320L	Hebrew through the Media	
or PRS 322K	Intermediate Persian I	
or TUR 320K	Intermediate Turkish I	
Social Science course (General Education)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (Core) ⁰⁹³		3
Minor/Certificate course (Major)		3
MES 341	Topics in the Middle East: Social Science (Major)	3
6th Semester		

MES 342	Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities (Major)	3
HEB 346	Topics in Hebrew Language, Literature, and Culture (Major)	3
or PRS 329	Topics in Persian Language, Literature, and Culture	
or TUR 329	Topics in Turkish Language, Literature, and Culture	
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course (Major)		3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Free elective (Elective)		3
7th Semester		
MES 343	Topics in the Middle East: History (Major) ^{Wr}	3
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
E 316L	British Literature (Core) ⁰⁴⁰	3
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
or E 316P	Masterworks of Literature	
Track (Major)		3
Free elective (Elective)		3
8th Semester		
MES 323C	Engaging the Middle East (Major)	3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course (Major)		3
Track (Major)		3
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Free elective (Elective)		3
Total Hours		120

Four-year degree suggestion (for planning purposes only).

Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor.

Course categories: Core, General Education[†], Major, Elective, Opportunity

Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II

Undergraduate Degree Program listing

[†] Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.