

Middle Eastern Studies (MES)

MES 301C Gateway to the Middle East 3 Hours

MES 301J The Ancient Middle East 3 Hours

Survey the history of the Middle East from the beginning of the Neolithic period (9000 BCE) through the invasion of the region by Alexander the Great in 332 BCE and into the pre-Islamic era.

MES 301K Introduction to the Middle East: Religious, Cultural, and Historical Foundations 3 Hours

A survey of the history and civilization of the Middle East from the sixth to the fourteenth century.

MES 301L Introduction to the Middle East: Adjustment and Change in Modern Times 3 Hours

The responses of the societies of the Middle East and North Africa (Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, and the Arab world) to Western cultural and political challenges, primarily since about 1800.

MES 304M Ancient Cities 3 Hours

Introduction to the urban centers of the ancient Mediterranean world.

MES 310 Topics in Middle Eastern Studies 3 Hours

Studies of areas and issues in the Middle East and North Africa.

MES 310.4 Social Transformation of Love and Relationships 3 Hours

Examination of the social, psychological, and spiritual perspectives toward the ideas of love and intimacy; how love and intimacy interact with rapid social, economic, and cultural change; and how the subsequent change transformed the social world and the meaning of love. Subjects include the aspects of self and identity; differentiation in the context of love in the modern age; the family and the individual; the impact of industrialization on private lives and the public order; gender, communication, love; intercultural love and intimacy; and personal choice and arranged marriages.

MES 310.5 Introduction to Music in World Cultures 3 Hours

Exploration of practices, beliefs, and issues through the study of various musical genres in the regions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the Pacific, Europe, and the Americas.

MES 310.6 Jewish Civilization: Beginnings to 1492 3 Hours

Introduction to the history, culture, and religion of the Jewish people from around 1000 BC to the end of the medieval period. Subjects may include ancient Israel, late Second Temple sectarianism, the rise of Christianity, rabbinic Judaism, medieval Jewish philosophy, Jewish mysticism, and Hebrew poetry.

MES 310.8 Introduction to Jewish Studies 3 Hours

MES 310C Introduction to the Old Testament 3 Hours

Introduction to the many interpretations of the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) and its meaning in the context of its historical and cultural setting in the ancient Near East.

MES 310D Introduction to Islam 3 Hours

The beliefs, theology, history, and main social and legal institutions of Islam, including the concept of God and society, the role of women, and Islamic government and movements.

MES 310N Introduction to Modern North Africa 3 Hours

Introduction to the major themes of North African history from the sixteenth century to the present.

MES 310P Revolution and Decolonization in North Africa 3 Hours

Examine the history of anti-colonial struggles in North Africa and the victory over European colonial powers.

MES 310R Introduction to Middle East Religions 3 Hours

Introduction to the religious landscape of the Middle East including the various expressions of Eastern Christianity, Islam, and Judaism as well as Zoroastrianism.

MES 311 The History of Israel 3 Hours

An introduction to the history of Israel, from the emergence of the modern Zionist movement beginning in 1881 to the present.

MES 311C Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: An Introduction 3 Hours

Examines the intertwined historical developments of the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and explores the principal beliefs and practices of Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

MES 119S, 219S, 319S, 419S, 519S, 619S, 719S, 819S, 919S Topics in Middle Eastern Studies 1-9 Hours

This course is used to record credit the student earns while enrolled at another institution in a program administered by the University's Study Abroad Office. Credit is recorded as assigned by the study abroad adviser in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies. University credit is awarded to work in an exchange program; it may be counted as coursework taken in residence. Transfer credit is awarded for work in an affiliated studies program.

MES 323C Engaging the Middle East 3 Hours

MES 127 Middle Eastern Cultural Exchange 1 Hour

Provides an opportunity for students to interact with peer groups in Middle Eastern countries in which Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish are spoken. Students engage in a variety of cultural activities and correspond with peer groups via blogs and Internet discussion forums.

MES 328D Material Cultures of Coexistence 3 Hours

Discuss Muslims living in regions where non-Islamic socio-political systems and infrastructures predominate, exploring the material cultures produced in places where Islam did not originate as, or is not, the dominant authority.

MES 129S, 229S, 329S, 429S, 529S, 629S, 729S, 829S, 929S Topics in Middle Eastern Studies 1-9 Hours

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MES 331C History of the Ottoman Empire 3 Hours

A survey of Ottoman society and culture and of the empire's place on the world scene.

MES 331O Twentieth-Century Arab World 3 Hours

Introduction to 20th-century Arab world history, primarily focusing on the Eastern Mediterranean, including Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, and Egypt. Explore the transformation of this region from a single cultural and political entity under imperial Ottoman rule, through colonial rule to the age of the nation-state and its struggles. Discuss key themes including colonial rule and relation to Europe and the US, Arab nationalism, revolutionary modernism, the impact of Zionism and Israel, the Palestinian revolution, the emergence of political Islam, civil wars, and the oil revolution. Examine internal and external forces and pivotal processes that have shaped the region over the past century through political, social, intellectual, and economic factors.

MES 334C Music Cultures of the Middle East, Past and Present 3 Hours

A historical and ethnomusicological survey of the Arab, Turkish, and Persian music cultures.

MES 341 Topics in the Middle East: Social Science 3 Hours

- MES 341.10 Cultural Geographies of Israel 3 Hours
Examines critical spatial theory, landscape phenomenology, histories of Zionist architecture and urban planning as applied to Israel from the Yishuv period to the present.
- MES 341.11 Rule of Law in the Middle East 3 Hours
- MES 341.12 Muslim Women in Politics 3 Hours
- MES 341.13 Sex and Sexuality in the Muslim World 3 Hours
- MES 341.18 Contemporary Jerusalem 3 Hours
Explore what life is like in today's contested, rapidly growing, and increasingly diverse Jerusalem.
- MES 341.19 Ottoman State and Society 3 Hours
Explore the social and economic life, religion, law, government, ideology, arts, and sciences of the Ottomans. Examine the Ottoman political governance and the course of its development through a socio-historical lens.
- MES 341.20 The Politics and Art of Iran's Woman, Life, Freedom Uprising 3 Hours
Analyze the politics and art of Iran's 2022 Woman, Life, Freedom Uprising movement. Develop a digital humanities resource on the movement through collaboration.
- MES 341.22 Veiling in the Muslim World 3 Hours
- MES 341.3 The Cities of the Middle East 3 Hours
Anthropological and sociological analysis of space, with a special emphasis on urban theory and culture in the Middle East.
- MES 341.5 Arab-Israeli Politics 3 Hours
In-depth study of domestic, regional, and international factors involved in politics in the Middle East, including simulation of diplomatic interaction in the Arab-Israeli conflict.
- MES 341.6 Negotiating Urbanization: Case Studies in Turkey 3 Hours
Examines local and transnational forces that have driven and continue to drive contemporary urbanization in Turkey. Focuses on key issues that emerge in rapidly growing cities of the developing world, such as growing income inequality and socioeconomic exclusion, environmental challenges, and rising violence.
- MES 341.7 Gender Politics in the Islamic World 3 Hours
Study of the Islamic world and major sociological concepts such as gender, social organizations, culture, and politics. Examines how culture is mediated by politics, resulting in diverse interpretations of Islam and in different policies with respect to women's rights.
- MES 341.8 Multicultural Israel 3 Hours
Examines the complex social fabric that comprises contemporary Israeli society, and that shapes Israeli identity, practice and politics.
- MES 341.9 Islam and Politics 3 Hours
An introduction to Islamic political thought.
- MES 342 Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities 3 Hours
- MES 342.1 Introduction to Arabic Literature 3 Hours
General survey of major themes, genres, and artists in the Arabic literary tradition from the sixth century to the modern era.
- MES 342.10 Persian Literature, Past and Present 3 Hours
- MES 342.11 Iranian Women Writers 3 Hours
- MES 342.13 Iranian Literature in Exile 3 Hours
- MES 342.14 Iranian Film and Fiction 3 Hours
- MES 342.16 The Qur'an 3 Hours
Explore the history, language, style, and themes of the Qur'an.
- MES 342.19 Self-Revelation in Women's Writing 3 Hours
- MES 342.2 Loyalty and Rebellion in Arabic Literature 3 Hours
- MES 342.20 Autobiography: A Modern Literary Species 3 Hours
- MES 342.22 Biblical Archaeology 3 Hours
- MES 342.23 The Dead Sea Scrolls 3 Hours
- MES 342.25 Politics of Court Literature 3 Hours
- MES 342.26 Arab Women Poets 3 Hours
- MES 342.27 Islamic Law 3 Hours
Designed to give students a foundation in the substantive teachings of the shariah, which comprises not only what we normally think of as law, but also ethics and etiquette.
- MES 342.28 Gender in North and West Africa 3 Hours
Examines gender discourses through North African and West African literary works by looking at the role(s) played by Islam and Christianity in the creation of the identities of African men and women. Includes discussion of the question of what gender is, and whether it is socially constructed.
- MES 342.3 Memory and Identity in Ancient Arabia 3 Hours
- MES 342.31 Palestine and the Palestinians: A Journey Through Time 3 Hours
- MES 342.32 Women Filmmakers in the Middle East 3 Hours
- MES 342.33 Love in the East and West 3 Hours
- MES 342.35 Islamic Theology 3 Hours
- MES 342.36 Rumi and the Persian Sufi Tradition 3 Hours
- MES 342.37 Biblical Prophecy 3 Hours
An introduction to the diversity of prophetic literature in the Old Testament, its historical development, social context, and Near Eastern parallels.
- MES 342.38 Comparative Jewish Literature: Israel, France, and the United States 3 Hours
- MES 342.4 The Arabian Nights 3 Hours
- MES 342.40 Gender and Art in the Muslim World 3 Hours
- MES 342.42 Archaeology of Greek Prehistory 3 Hours
Explore the development of complex societies in ancient Greece by studying its prehistory through archaeology.
- MES 342.44 Graffiti and Poster Art in the Islamic World 3 Hours
- MES 342.45 Lost Languages and Decipherment 3 Hours
- MES 342.5 Israel Through Its Literature 3 Hours
- MES 342.51 Daily Life in Ancient Egypt 3 Hours
Delve into all areas of Egyptian daily life from the dawn of the dynasties to the age of Cleopatra.
- MES 342.52 Abraham and Abrahamic Religions 3 Hours
Examines the figure of Abraham as portrayed in the Bible and the reception of that portrayal in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- MES 342.53 Angels, Demons, and Magic in Early Christianity 3 Hours
Examine angelology, demonology and magic influence on the lives of early Christians and Christianity.
- MES 342.54 Hermits, Monks, and Saints in Early Christianity 3 Hours
Examine individual and communal forms of Christian monasticism from the first through fifth centuries CE. Explore the social, economic and religious factors that may have made a life of self-denial attractive to many early Christians and the role of authority in these movements.
- MES 342.55 Ancient Egypt 3 Hours
Discussion of Egypt's culture, language, and history from the prehistorical period (13,000 BC) to the New Kingdom (1069 BC).
- MES 342.56 Israel and Palestine: A Cultural Perspective 3 Hours

MES 342.57 Divine Persuasion in Biblical Times and Place 3 Hours
Explore the use of persuasive strategies in an ancient and non-Western culture, that of the Hebrew Bible. Using rhetorical techniques, analyze three types of texts: narratives of interactions between ordinary people and God; interactions between people, God, and authorized prophets; and prayers in prose and poetry.

MES 342.58 Islamic Ethics 3 Hours

MES 342.59 Classic Lyric Poems 3 Hours

MES 342.6 Love and the State in Contemporary Israeli Literature 3 Hours

MES 342.60 The Persian Epic and Popular Culture 3 Hours

MES 342.61 Forugh Farrokhzad and Her Poetry 3 Hours

MES 342.62 Iranian and Iranian-American Identity 3 Hours

MES 342.63 Twentieth-Century Persian Literature 3 Hours

MES 342.64 Youth and Violence in the Middle East and Eurasia 3 Hours

MES 342.65 Debating Genesis 3 Hours

MES 342.66 Law and Justice in the Bible 3 Hours
Examine the legal traditions of the Torah (Pentateuch) and what they reveal about the practice of law and justice in ancient Israel and the wider biblical world.

MES 342.67 The Book of Job 3 Hours

MES 342.68 The Five Books of Moses 3 Hours
Study the socio-historical circumstances that gave shape to the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Examine how these five books achieved the status of sacred literature.

MES 342.69 Cultural Translation 3 Hours
Examine theoretical readings and concrete examples of how translation politics, translation-induced reconstruction of literary systems, censorship, manipulation, and market dynamics affect the production, distribution, and reception of translated products in the realm of arts and entertainment, news media and politics, and various academic disciplines in the Middle East, United States, and beyond.

MES 342.7 Postmodernist Israeli Literature 3 Hours
Study of the first decades of Israeli literature. Themes include the establishment of a new state in the aftermath of the Holocaust, conflict between Israel and Arab nations, and conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

MES 342.70 Soundtrack of Revolutions 3 Hours
Examine the significance of music in the social and political uprisings of countries across the Middle East.

MES 342.71 Humor and Hardship in Arabic Literature 3 Hours
Examine Arabic literary works (ninth through twentieth centuries) that display humor and its unspoken counterpart, hardship. Consult modern theories of humor and premodern Arabic-Islamic ideas of the jocular.

MES 342.72 Major Islamic Texts 3 Hours
Introduction to key religious, philosophical, and political ideas from part of the Islamic world through sustained readings of core texts.

MES 342.73 Contemporary Middle Eastern Cinema 3 Hours
Introduction to some of the most pertinent social and political themes in celebrated films across Arab countries, Turkey, Iran, and Israel and Palestine.

MES 342.74 Global Cult Cinema 3 Hours
Explore the relationship between movies and fans within a global perspective. Examine case studies from and through the Middle East to understand the resonance of cult media texts around the world.

MES 342.75 Envisioning Muslims: The Middle Ages and Today 3 Hours
Examine representations of Muslims in the dominant cultural media of the European Middle Ages, and in cultural media of the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries. Explore how Europeans envisioned Muslims, and how Muslims envisioned themselves.

MES 342.76 Childrearing in Israel 3 Hours
Examine the coalescence of educational theories and national aspirations in the process of shaping child-rearing practices within the Jewish population of Palestine under the Ottoman Empire and the British Mandate and into the first two decades of the State of Israel.

MES 342.77 The Shock of Modernity in the Middle East 3 Hours
Explore cross cultural contacts between the East and the West during the modern period. Analyze Islamic civilization in the Middle East of the modern era by addressing the development of religion, law, government, and morality during and after the colonial period.

MES 342.78 Modern Egypt in Film and Fiction 3 Hours
Explore the history and culture of modern Egypt through selected readings in twentieth-century film and fiction.

MES 342.79 Culture in Turkey: Myths and Realities 3 Hours
Explore how Turkish culture is neither static nor monolithic but is continuously contested and redefined. Investigate tensions between secularism and Islam, Orientalist and Occidental fantasies, and imperialist and nationalist desires to better understand the sociopolitical dynamics that define Turkish society today.

MES 342.8 The Sacred and the Secular in Contemporary Jewish Literature 3 Hours

MES 342.80 Cultures of Revolution in the Middle East 3 Hours
Examine the cultural production that surrounds key moments of political and social change in the Middle East.

MES 342.81 Gender and Translation in the Arab World 3 Hours
Examine complex politics and poetics behind the translation and marketing of Arab women's writing in the West.

MES 342.82 Arab Francophonie 3 Hours
Explore French-language cultural production by authors of Arab origin in France and across France's former colonial and mandate territories. Examine the fraught relationship many of these authors have with French language, literature, and culture, in dialogue with postcolonial theory.

MES 342.83 Media and the Middle East 3 Hours
Addresses the role of media in the Middle East, considering communication texts, processes and industries in political, social, economic, and cultural contexts.

MES 342.85 Myths and Legends of the Ancient Near East 3 Hours
Explore myths and legends contained in a variety of ancient sources, including texts from Israel, Greece, Egypt, and Mesopotamia.

MES 342.86 Minorities in the Middle East 3 Hours
Explore the diversity of ethnic and religious minorities found in the Middle East through their history, languages, beliefs, and cultures.

MES 342.88 Multiculturalism in Jordan 3 Hours
Explore how past, present, local, and regional events inform current Jordanian culture and identity.

MES 342.89 Introduction to the Music of the Middle East 3 Hours

MES 342.9 Mizrahi Writing in Israel 3 Hours

MES 342C Art and Architecture of Late Antiquity 3 Hours
Examination of early Christian and late Roman art and architecture, including related traditions, such as Jewish, Coptic, Armenian, Georgian, Persian, and Syriac.

MES 342M Ancient Mediterranean Religion and Astrology 3 Hours
Explore the role of astrology in ancient Mediterranean religious life.

MES 342S Sufism: Islamic Thought and Spirituality 3 Hours

Explore Sufism and other Islamic mystical traditions that color cultural milieus spanning four continents and fourteen centuries. Focus on the historical developments in the Islamic theosophical tradition, as well as the relationship between Sufism and poetics, colonialism, and post-colonial resistance movements.

MES 343 Topics in the Middle East: History 3 Hours

MES 343.1 Modern Egypt: A History 3 Hours

Critically examines the social, political, and intellectual dynamics that shaped the different forms of political community, economic organization, and public culture over the past century. Covers colonialism, liberalism, Arab socialism, authoritarian capitalism, and Islamic republicanism.

MES 343.10 Origins of Monotheism 3 Hours

MES 343.11 Medieval Middle East History in One Hundred Objects 3 Hours

Survey the history of the medieval Middle East, from the period of Late Antiquity (in the seventh century) to the rise of early modern empires of the Safavids, Ottomans, and Mughals (in the seventeenth century), through close examination of the meaning and significance of 100 objects.

MES 343.12 Modern Middle East History in One Hundred Objects 3 Hours

Survey the history of the medieval Middle East, from 1500 to the present, through close examination of the meaning and significance of 100 objects.

MES 343.13 Arabs and Vikings: Art and Culture 3 Hours

Explore the art and culture of the global Middle Ages through close examination of recent films, popular and academic publications, and works of art and architecture that reveal the interconnection between the European and the Islamic worlds.

MES 343.15 Africa and Rome 3 Hours

Explore the history of Roman Africa with emphasis on what is now Tunisia and northern Algeria.

MES 343.16 Jews: Nation or People 3 Hours

MES 343.17 Restitution and Restorative Justice after the Holocaust 3 Hours

Examine attempts to find a measure of justice after the Holocaust. Explore themes of human rights and international law.

MES 343.2 Re-forming the Arab East, 1914-Present 3 Hours

Introduction to the history of the Middle East in the twentieth century. Examines forces that transformed the area from a relatively peaceful region to a radicalized environment. Explores colonialism, nationalism, secular modernism, impact of Zionism, rise of political Islam, status of women, and the oil revolution.

MES 343.20 Islam in the Early Modern World: Religion and Culture 3 Hours

Examine a history of the religious and cultural development across the Islamic world between the thirteenth and eighteenth centuries, stemming from the rise of the Mongols and the end of the caliphate. Explore the early modern Muslim empires of the Ottomans, Safavids, and the Mughals.

MES 343.21 Transnational Asia: From the Middle East to the Far East 3 Hours

Examine how various groups of people understood, experienced, and imagined concepts such as "the East" and "Asia" with a primary focus on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

MES 343.22 French Empire: The West and Islam 3 Hours

The development of regions within the Mediterranean, variously called the West and East or Europe and Islam, with an emphasis on the role of modern France and France's Mediterranean empire.

MES 343.23 Muslim Travelers and Traders 3 Hours

Introduction to modern Middle Eastern and Islamic history in the broader context of globalization, with a primary focus on the nineteenth century to the present.

MES 343.24 Arab Citizens of Israel 3 Hours

Examine the historical, social, and political processes of change experienced by the Palestinian-Arab community in Israel, including the fundamental aspects pertaining to the founding of Israel as "a Jewish and democratic state" and the relations between the Arab minority and the Jewish majority.

MES 343.25 The Arab-Israeli Conflict 3 Hours

Examine the elements of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the main figures involved, events, and turning-points in its history.

MES 343.26 The Levant: From Colonialism to Coexistence 3 Hours

Examine the history of the Levant, a region that includes Syria, Israel, Palestine, and Jordan.

MES 343.27 Middle East Outlaws and Lawmen 3 Hours

Explore the evolution of crime and law enforcement in the modern Middle East.

MES 343.28 Food History of Asia and the Middle East 3 Hours

Explore the history of food and beverages in the Middle East and Asia, including Palestine/Israel, Egypt, Iran, India, China, and Japan. Investigate themes of identity, capitalism, and globalization to reflect on the role of food consumers in an interconnected world.

MES 343.29 History of Sephardi Jews 3 Hours

Examine the early-modern networks established by the Sephardi Jews (Sephardim) across the Mediterranean and Atlantic, the rich Ladino Judeo-Spanish culture that thrived in the Ottoman Empire, and Sephardi encounters with the modern world.

MES 343.3 History of Iran to 1800 3 Hours

A survey of the social, economic, and religious components unique to Iran from the pre-Islamic empire of the Achaemenids through the development of Iran as a medieval and premodern Islamic state.

MES 343.30 Archaeology of Jesus's World 3 Hours

Explore archaeological methods in examining texts and artifacts from first century CE.

MES 343.31 Religions in the Ottoman Empire 3 Hours

Examine Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities in the Ottoman Empire (fourteenth to twentieth centuries), with a focus on dynamics both within and between the communities.

MES 343.4 Islamic Spain and North Africa to 1492 3 Hours

An introduction to the impact of Islam on Spain and North Africa, with emphasis on social, economic, and cultural development.

MES 343.6 Modern Iran 3 Hours

Explore the development of modern Iran; special attention is given to the impact of the West, the constitutional movement, nationalism, the oil crisis, and the Islamic Revolution of 1979.

MES 343.7 History of the Pilgrimage to Mecca, Hajj 3 Hours

Survey of the Hajj, Islam's major pilgrimage to Mecca and the nearby Holy Places. It will examine the Islamic pilgrimage from its beginnings in the seventh century C.E. through today.

MES 343.8 Prophet of Islam: His Life and Times 3 Hours

A detailed study of the prophet Muhammad's life and message, and of the means by which his life was recorded and popularized.

MES 351 Mediterranean Crossroads Seminar 3 Hours
Reading and discussion about the lands, cultures, and societies of the eastern Mediterranean from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Students prepare to study in the Middle East (in Middle Eastern Studies 352) and begin work on their individual research projects.

MES 352 Mediterranean Crossroads Study Abroad Seminar 3 Hours
Students study and conduct research in the Middle East.

MES 353 Mediterranean Crossroads Conference Course 3 Hours
Under supervision of a faculty member, students complete their research projects following participation in Middle Eastern Studies 352.

MES 360 Conference Course 3 Hours
Supervised individual research, discussion, and writing of papers about various general and specialized Middle Eastern subjects.

MES 370 Practicum: Internships in Applied Middle Eastern Studies 3 Hours
Research and staff experience working in an appropriate agency or business.

MES 679H Honors Tutorial Course 6 Hours
Supervised individual reading for one semester, followed by research and writing to produce a substantial paper on a special topic in middle eastern studies, to be completed during the second semester.

MES 380 International Business Fellows Seminar 3 Hours
Multidisciplinary seminar for students in area studies, business administration, law, and public policy. The faculty includes both academics and business leaders.

MES 381 Topics in Seminar in Middle Eastern Civilizations and Cultures 3 Hours
Advanced studies of various aspects of the civilizations and cultures of the Middle East and North Africa.

MES 381.11 Regional Geography of the Middle East and North Africa 3 Hours
Topics include developmental activity and spatial change in the Middle East, comparative regional studies.

MES 381.22 Politics of the Middle East and North Africa 3 Hours
Readings and research on the political systems of the Arab world, Israel, Turkey, Iran, and Afghanistan. Precise topics vary.

MES 381.26 Turkic Cultures and Languages in Central Asia 3 Hours

MES 381.29 Environment and Development in the Middle East 3 Hours

MES 381.30 Language and Politics in Language Planning 3 Hours

MES 381.33 Translation: Theory, History, and Practice 3 Hours

MES 381.37 Intellectual History of Indo-Iranian Islam 3 Hours

MES 381.38 Music Cultures of the Middle East: Past and Present 3 Hours

MES 381.39 Translating Arabic Texts 3 Hours

MES 381.41 Gender, Clothing, and Identity in Muslim Society 3 Hours

MES 383 Internships in Applied Middle Eastern Studies 3 Hours
Students conduct research and participate in other work in an appropriate agency or business.

MES 384 Topics in the Middle East: Social Science 3 Hours
Advanced studies of various aspects of social sciences in the Middle East.

MES 384.10 The Military in Politics 3 Hours

MES 384.11 Nationalism and Gender 3 Hours

MES 384.12 Comparative Middle Eastern Law 3 Hours
Exploration of legal structures of the modern Middle East from a comparative approach.

MES 384.3 Law and Religion in the Modern Middle East 3 Hours
Examine the laws that govern religion and religious expression in Middle Eastern national constitutions, with a special focus on both the free exercise and establishment clause of Islam as the religion of the state.

MES 384.6 Cities and Citizenship 3 Hours

MES 384.7 Culture, History, and Power 3 Hours

MES 384.8 Gender and Development 3 Hours

MES 385 Topics in the Middle East: History 3 Hours
Advanced studies of various aspects of history in the Middle East.

MES 385.1 Middle East Police and Criminals 3 Hours
Examine scholarship on crime and criminals, as well as police and law enforcement across the Middle East. Discover how crime and law enforcement have evolved over the past two centuries in the Modern Middle East.

MES 385.10 Modern Arab Renaissance: An Inquiry 3 Hours

MES 385.11 State and Society in the Middle East 3 Hours

MES 385.12 European Imperialism: British Empire 3 Hours
Study of the British empire in the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

MES 385.13 The Ideas of the East 3 Hours
Examine the significance of the transnational movement of people, ideas, and goods in the process of constructing geocultural categories such as the West, the East, and Asia; and their subcategories such as the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and East Asia.

MES 385.14 Global Iran 3 Hours
Examine modern Iranian history from the nineteenth century to the present, with an emphasis on a body of scholarship that critiques methodological nationalism.

MES 385.2 Nationalisms in the Middle East 3 Hours
Examine theories, methods and debates associated with nationalism in the Modern Middle East, including the histories of national and translational manifestations of nationalism, as well as the nationalisms of minorities in the region, and thematic topics such as race and ethnicity, gender, historiography, and religion.

MES 385.3 Islamic Historiography 3 Hours

MES 385.4 Islamic Revolution of Iran 3 Hours

MES 385.5 Modern Iranian History and Historiography 3 Hours

MES 385.6 Shi'ite Religious and Political Ideologies 3 Hours

MES 385.7 Women in Islamic Societies 3 Hours

MES 385.9 Method and Theory in Middle Eastern Studies 3 Hours

MES 386 Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities 3 Hours
Advanced studies of various aspects of the arts and humanities in the Middle East.

MES 386.1 The Arabic Humanities 3 Hours
Explore the traditions formed in pre-modern Islamic humanities.

MES 386.11 Islamic Ornament 3 Hours

MES 386.12 Islamic Studies: Disciplinary Introduction 3 Hours

MES 386.14 Mizrahi Writing in Israel 3 Hours

MES 386.15 Post-Zionist Perspectives in Israeli Literature 3 Hours

MES 386.16 Readings in Contemporary Persian Political Writings 3 Hours

MES 386.18 Seminar in Music, Gender, and Sexuality 3 Hours

MES 386.19 Women in Scripture 3 Hours

MES 386.2 Iranian Film and Fiction 3 Hours

MES 386.21 Middle Eastern Modernities 3 Hours

Explore how Arabic literature and thought changed over the course of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries through extended studies of poetry and prose written in Arabic. Examine the relationship of modernity to modernist literature in order to define what modernism means in an Arab/ic context.

MES 386.22 Reading the Maghreb 3 Hours

Examine Maghrebi literature and film of both French and Arabic expression, along with works of psychoanalytic and postcolonial theory.

MES 386.23 Late Ottoman State and Society 3 Hours

Study of state and society in the late Ottoman Empire (c. 1700-1922), focusing on social and economic life, religion, law, government, ideology, arts, and sciences.

MES 386.24 Islamic Feminism 3 Hours

Exploration of the idea, history, figures, and writings of Islamic feminism, covering the 20th and 21st century.

MES 386.25 Gender, Clothing, and Identity in Muslim Societies 3 Hours

MES 386.26 The New Middle East: A Critical Approach 3 Hours

Examine new analytical approaches to understanding the Middle East, including its social and political dynamics, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach.

MES 386.27 Gender, Islam and Representation in the Modern Middle East 3 Hours

Examine representations of women across majority Muslim countries and explore how women producers and consumers navigate within the framework of regulations set by religious and governmental bodies.

MES 386.28 The Qur'an and Its Interpretations 3 Hours

MES 386.3 Reading Arabic Literature 3 Hours

Examine the canons of Arabic literature through readings in translation.

MES 386.30 Space and Place in Literature 3 Hours

Examine how the representation of space and place in literature contributes to understanding the global, social, and cultural dynamics since the nineteenth century. Explore the poetics of space as expressed in literature from the Middle East, Europe, and the United States.

MES 386.5 Theory and Practice in Literary Translation 3 Hours

MES 386.6 Modern Arabic Poetry 3 Hours

Explore Arabic poetic production.

MES 386.7 Arab Women Poets 3 Hours

MES 386.9 Classical Arabic Ahkbar 3 Hours

MES 389 Conference Course 3 Hours

Supervised individual study of selected problems in Middle Eastern Studies.

MES 390M Applied Methods and Practice in Middle Eastern Studies 3 Hours

MES 194, 294, 394 Professional Development in Middle Eastern Studies 1-3 Hours

MES 097 Proseminar 0 Hours

Introduces the incoming Master of Arts student cohort to the Center of Middle Eastern Studies' faculty and their research.

MES 698 Thesis 6 Hours

MES 398R Master's Report 3 Hours

Preparation of a report to fulfill the requirement for the master's degree under the report option.

MES 398T Supervised Teaching in Middle Eastern Studies 3 Hours

Teaching under the close supervision of a faculty member; weekly group meetings with the instructor, individual consultation, and reports throughout the teaching period.