MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC STUDIES - CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies provides students the opportunity to formally explore the cultural, political and religious diversity of the Middle East and the Islamic worlds.

The region commonly referred to as the Middle East includes over 20 Arabic speaking countries, as well as Iran, Turkey, and Israel and spans Southwest Asia and North Africa. A culturally, religiously and linguistically diverse region, the Middle East today is one of the most geopolitically critical regions in the world. It is the birthplace of the three major monotheistic faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam; the home of medieval Islamic civilizations; and home to rich literary, architectural and religious traditions. Islam, a monotheistic faith that began in the Arabian Peninsula in the 7th century, is today practiced by over one billion people and is diversely expressed through a vast geographic, linguistic and cultural terrain, from West Africa to East Asia.

Students currently pursuing the requirements of the Certificate in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (MEIS) or interested in doing so should complete the Statement of Intent form (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/certificates) available on the department website. Students who have completed the requirements for the MEIS certificate and are graduating in December or May must complete the Program of Study form (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/certificates) and the Certificate Completion form (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/certificates) available on the department website, and submit them to the MEIS certificate advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/advising) two months prior to graduation.

Students cannot declare both the Certificate in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and the Minor in Arabic.

Requirements

The certificate requires a total of 19 credit hours (9 of which must be upper-division), which include both language and content courses.

Required Courses: At least one year of either Arabic or Farsi language courses beginning at the intermediate level (2000 level) with a grade of C or better. A student who participates in an approved study abroad program may earn up to 10 credit hours for language study at an intermediate or advanced level.

Electives: Three courses, at least one of which must be a course designated ARAB and has a specific focus on Islam and the Islamic world. These nine credit hours may be selected from the list of approved content courses below and are to be completed with a grade of C- or better. Approval of study abroad credits for content courses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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<td>ANTH/JWST 4050</td>
<td>Anthropology of Jews and Judaism (Cultures of Israel &amp; Palestine)</td>
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Possible Electives Include:

- ANTH 4180 Anthropological Perspectives: Contemporary Issues (Global Islams)
- ARAB 2231 Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature
- ARAB/PLST 2320 The Muslim World, 600-1250
- ARAB 3230 Islamic Culture and the Iberian Peninsula
- ARAB 3231 In the Footsteps of Travelers: Travel Writing in Arabic Lit
- ARAB 3241 Art in Islamic Cultures
- ARAB 3330 The Arabic Novel
- ARAB 3340 Representing Islam
- ARAB 3350 Narrating the City: Literary Mappings of the Urban Landscape
- ARAB 3410 Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East
- GEOG 3742 Place, Power, and Contemporary Culture
- GEOG 4742 Topics in Environment and Society (Geographies of the Muslim World)
- GEOG 4742 Topics in Environment and Society (Contemporary Islam: Empire/Terror/Revolution)
- GEOG 4762 Geographies of Political Islam: Empire, Terror and Revolution
- JWST 2350 Introduction to Jewish Culture
- JHBR/JWST 4203 Israeli Literature: Exile, Nation, Home
- HIST 3328 Seminar in Middle Eastern History
- HIST 3328 The Modern Middle East, 1600 to the Present
- HIST/JWST 4338 History of Modern Israel/Palestine
- HIST/JWST 4348 Topics in Jewish History (Tel Aviv Urban History and Culture)
- HIST/JWST 4378 History of Modern Jewish-Muslim Relations
- HIST 4528 Islam in South and Southeast Asia (1000 to the Present)
- HUMN 3850 The Mediterranean: Religion Before Modernity
- IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs (Arab / Israel Conflict)
- IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs (Political Economy/Middle East)
- IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs (Security in the Middle East)
- IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs (Statebuilding in the 21st Century)
- IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs (Turkey-Mediator/Arab Spring)
- IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs (Gender, Geopolitics and Islam)
- IAFS 4500 The Post-Cold War World (Afghanistan and Iraq)
- IAFS 4500 The Post-Cold War World (Understanding 9/11: Causes, Events, Legacies)
- IAFS 4500 The Post-Cold War World (The Geopolitics and Economics of Oil)
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Students should consult with the MEIS certificate advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/advising) annually and must fulfill the requirements for an undergraduate degree at CU Boulder.