Middle Eastern Studies (M E STU)

Courses

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M E STU 10 Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015
This course is a lower division introduction to the study of the contemporary Middle East and North Africa, with emphasis on historical trajectories, political, social, and cultural transformations, and religious phenomena. It covers topics related to the Arab world, Turkey, Iran, and Israel from an interdisciplinary perspective. The intended audience for the course is Middle Eastern Studies majors, prospective majors, and minors, for whom it fulfills the lower division requirement, as well as students in other majors interested in the Middle East.

Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies:

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

M E STU 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2015
The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

M E STU 20 Perspectives on the Middle East 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013
A weekly seminar including guest speakers on (1) ethnic perspectives (Persians, Arabs, Turks, Israelis); (2) religious perspectives (Islam, Christianity, Judaism); and (3) disciplinary perspectives (anthropology, sociology, etc.). The seminar introduces students to the work of several major Berkeley Middle East scholars. The class has no prerequisites and admission preference is given to lower division students and prospective Middle Eastern majors.

Perspectives on the Middle East:

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

M E STU 98 Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2010, Spring 2009, Fall 2007
Seminars in various fields of Middle East studies designed to introduce beginning undergraduates to problems of importance to students interested in the Middle East. Topics vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week
8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students:
M E STU 102 Scope and Methods of Research in Middle Eastern Studies 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015
Required for all students majoring in Middle Eastern Studies, open to all students in International and Area Studies Teaching Program focusing on the Middle East interdisciplinary research strategies for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data. Course integrates the study of the fundamental theories of social science, with the practical techniques of social science research methods.
Scope and Methods of Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Upper division standing
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 102 after taking Political Economy of Industrial Societies 102, or International and Area Studies 102 or 118.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: Gottreich

Scope and Methods of Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Read Less [-]

M E STU 109 Model Arab League 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
The Model Arab League is a simulation of the League of Arab States similar to the Model United Nations. Class meetings will be for familiarization of relevant political perspectives within the context of the Arab world. Students learn parliamentary procedure and to prepare resolutions. Each student is assigned to a committee and is responsible for participating in the development of the committee's resolution and its presentation at the Model Arab League.
Model Arab League: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Model Arab League: Read Less [-]
### M E STU 150 Advanced Study in the Middle East 4 Units

**Terms offered:** Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016  
Advanced research in current issues of Middle Eastern Studies. Seminars will focus on specific areas or topics with appropriate comparative material included. A major research project is required as well as class presentations. Topics to vary from semester to semester.  
Advanced Study in the Middle East: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor  
**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

- **Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week  
- **Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week  
- **8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week**

**Additional Details**

- **Subject/Course Level:** Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate  
- **Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

### M E STU 190 Senior Thesis 1 - 4 Units

**Terms offered:** Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016  
With the guidance of a faculty member of the program, the preparation and presentation of a senior thesis pertaining to the student's individual area of concentration within the Middle Eastern Studies major. Final paper required. Units determined on consultation with instructor.  
Senior Thesis: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing, one year of language in the major, at least fifteen upper division units in the major, Near Eastern Studies 10  
**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

- **Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week  
- **Summer:** 8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

- **Subject/Course Level:** Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate  
- **Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

### M E STU H195 Honors in Middle Eastern Studies 4 Units

**Terms offered:** Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018  
This course is the second of a two-semester senior honors program and culminates in the completion of a senior thesis. The thesis project begins with 102, which must be successfully completed before enrollment in H195. During this semester, an honors thesis of approximately 50-75 pages is completed under the direct supervision of the instructor of the Honors seminar program in International and Area Studies and a faculty member appropriate to the student's interest.  
Honors in Middle Eastern Studies: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 102 or consent of instructor

**Hours & Format**

- **Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 4 hours of independent study per week  
- **Summer:** 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

- **Subject/Course Level:** Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate  
- **Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

### M E STU 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

**Terms offered:** Fall 2019, Spring 2013, Fall 2012  
Seminar for the group study of selected Middle Eastern related topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. A written proposal must be approved by a Middle Eastern Studies faculty adviser. Final paper required. Units determined on consultation with instructor.  
Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

- **Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week  
- **Summer:** 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week  
- **8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week**

**Additional Details**

- **Subject/Course Level:** Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate  
- **Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

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M E STU 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Summer 2014 10 Week Session
For students wishing to pursue an interest not represented in the curriculum by developing an individual program of study and research supervised by a faculty member. A written proposal must be approved by a Middle Eastern Studies faculty adviser. Final paper required. Units determined on consultation with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.