

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRACK, ASIAN & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, GLOBAL STUDIES (BA IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES)

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES)

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES) is a multidisciplinary program that aims to enrich the understanding of a broadly conceived "Asia" in relation to other parts of the world. The AMES curriculum includes the study of history, politics, religion, literature, fine and media arts, performance, expressive and ritual culture, and the major languages of the region. Its curriculum consists of course offerings encompassing a diverse range of topics that involve East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific. Students select a track in either East Asian Studies or Middle Eastern Studies. The AMES curriculum includes four minor programs of study including minors in East Asian Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, South Asian Studies and Comparative and Diaspora Studies of Asia and the Middle East. AMES concentrators and AMES minors are encouraged to combine their academic study with service learning, study away, or study abroad.

AMES concentrators are required to complete 38 credit hours, including AMES 250 Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (core course) and AMES 493 Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (capstone course). AMES students are encouraged to look into allied programs such as Global Studies for complementary courses and intellectual exchange. Students are encouraged to pursue advanced research through AMES 495 Senior Honors in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies-AMES 496 Senior Honors in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Senior Honors). Please consult with a faculty member in AMES if you are interested in the program.

Global Studies Common Core

All concentrators, regardless of the track, are required to take the following:

Code	Title	Hours
AMES 250	Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	3
AMES 493	Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies ¹	3
a 3-credit course outside of the region of their chosen track		3
Total Hours		9

¹ AMES 493 Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies fulfills both the MWR and CPR for the concentration.

Tracks

The remaining 30 credits are to come from courses that are specific to each of the three tracks that form the concentration. These are described below. Consult the AMES website for a list of courses.

Major Writing Requirement (MWR)

The major writing requirement is satisfied by completing AMES 493 with a grade of C- or better.

Major Computer Proficiency Requirement (CPR)

The computing proficiency requirement is satisfied by completing AMES 493 Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with a grade of C- or better.

Middle Eastern Studies Track

Code	Title	Hours
Line 1: Core Course (Required)		
AMES 250	Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	3
Lines 2 and 3: Advanced Language Courses		
Select two Arabic language courses above the 300-level. Alternatively, a student may take courses to the 202-level in two Middle Eastern languages, one of which is Arabic, while the other may be another Middle Eastern language (for example, Persian, Turkish, etc.): ¹		6
ARAB 290	Topics in Arabic Dialects	
ARAB 301	Advanced Arabic I: Introduction to Arabic Literature and Society	
ARAB 302	Advanced Arabic	
ARAB 303	Media Arabic (ARAB302 or consent of instructor))	
ARAB 304	Introduction to Arabic Dialects	
ARAB 305	Directed Readings Arab	
ARAB 306	Directed Readings Arab	
ARAB 307	Arab Civilization in Transition: Self, Culture, and Society in the Modern Period	
ARAB 308	Bridging Heritage and Modernity: Modern Forms and Classical Themes in Arabic Literary Writing	
ARAB 401	Classical Arabic Literature	
ARAB 411	Independent Study	
Line 4: History & Politics		
Select one of the following:		3
AMES 330	Palestine and Indigeneity	
GOVT 339	Middle Eastern Political Systems	
HIST 171	History of the Middle East to 1400	
HIST 172	Hist Middle East since 1400	
Line 5: Religion & Anthropology		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 331	Culture and Society in the Middle East and North Africa	
ANTH 333	Anthropology of Islam	
ANTH 350	Special Topics in Anthropology (Middle Eastern Topics Only)	
ANTH 470	Senior Seminar (Middle Eastern Topics Only)	
RELG 212	Introduction to Islam	
RELG 308	Topics in Religion (Islamic Content Only)	
RELG 318	Islam in the Modern World	
SOCI 332	Comparative Sociology	
Line 6: Literature & the Arts		
Select one of the following:		3
AMES 312	Global Asian Cities: Learning from Dubai	
AMES 320	Islamophobia	

ARAB 310	Topics in Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
ARAB 311	Special Topics in Arabic Culture
ARTH 330	Topics in Art History
MUSC 372	Music Cultures of the Middle East
MUSC 367	Topics in Ethnomusicology (Middle Eastern Topics Only (e.g. Mediterranean Musical Mosaic))

Lines 7, 8, and 9: Electives

Select three of the following or or other departmental approved courses: 9

AMES 290	Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
AMES 312	Global Asian Cities: Learning from Dubai
AMES 320	Islamophobia
AMES 330	Palestine and Indigeneity
AMES 390	Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
AMES 480	Independent Study in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
ANTH 331	Culture and Society in the Middle East and North Africa
ANTH 333	Anthropology of Islam
ANTH 350	Special Topics in Anthropology (Middle Eastern topics only)
ANTH 470	Senior Seminar (Middle Eastern topics only)
ARAB 290	Topics in Arabic Dialects
ARAB 307	Arab Civilization in Transition: Self, Culture, and Society in the Modern Period (in Arabic)
ARAB 308	Bridging Heritage and Modernity: Modern Forms and Classical Themes in Arabic Literary Writing (in Arabic)
ARAB 310	Topics in Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
ARAB 311	Special Topics in Arabic Culture (can be repeated for credit)
ARAB 401	Classical Arabic Literature
ARAB 411	Independent Study
ARTH 330	Topics in Art History (Middle Eastern topics only)
GBST 390	Topics: Global Studies (Middle Eastern topics only)
GBST 480	Independent Study in Global Studies (Middle Eastern topics only)
GBST 498	Internship Global Studies
GOVT 339	Middle Eastern Political Systems
GOVT 312	Politics of Developing Countries
GOVT 391	Topics in Government (Middle Eastern topics only)
GOVT 491	Seminar: Government (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 150	First-Year Seminar (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 171	History of the Middle East to 1400
HIST 172	Hist Middle East since 1400
HIST 211	Topics in History (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 212	Topics in History (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 311	Topics in History (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 312	Topics in History (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 490C	Senior Colloquium (Middle Eastern topics only)
HIST 491C	Senior Colloquium (Middle Eastern topics only)
INTR 390	Topics (Middle Eastern topics only)
INTR 480	Independent Study (Middle Eastern topics only)

MUSC 367	Topics in Ethnomusicology (Middle Eastern topics only)
MUSC 372	Music Cultures of the Middle East
RELG 211	Introduction to the History of Jewish Thought
RELG 212	Introduction to Islam
RELG 308	Topics in Religion (Islamic topics only)
RELG 317	Women in Islam: Tradition and Change
RELG 318	Islam in the Modern World

Line 10: Course on Middle East or South Asia

Select one course chosen in consultation with a member of the East Asian Studies faculty to form a coherent program of study. 3

Line 11: Capstone (Required)

AMES 493	Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	3
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Total Hours **33**

¹ Although the College is not currently able to offer languages beyond Arabic, a student could count another Middle Eastern language (for example, Persian, Turkish, Modern Hebrew) provided they can demonstrate proficiency through accredited academic coursework taken domestically or abroad. This requirement will fulfill 6 credits.

Note

Students with a track in East Asian Studies who wish to minor in Chinese Language and Literature (offered by the department of Modern Languages and Literatures) will be allowed to apply up to 12 additional credit hours in Chinese Language and Literature beyond the current 48 credit hours limit in the major.