

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES MAJOR

Overview

Middle East and North African Studies (MENA) trains students to develop critical and analytical thinking on the Middle East and the Maghreb through an interdisciplinary, transnational approach. The MENA major draws on a number of departments and programs across Tulane's School of Liberal Arts to offer a wide array of courses introducing students to the rich history, layered politics, diverse cultures, linguistic, and religious traditions of a complex region. This background enables students to transcend simplistic generalizations and stereotypes about the region and its people while promoting students' global literacy in an increasingly interconnected world. The MENA major prepares students to pursue careers in government, policy, trade, research, and a variety of other fields.

Students must complete at least ten courses (30 credits minimum) from an approved list of Middle East-related courses. These ten courses must be distributed as follows:

- 1. Arabic & Hebrew courses:** Students must take at least one course in Arabic beyond ARBC 2030 Intermediate Arabic (normally, ARBC 3150) or at least one course in Hebrew beyond HBRW 2030 Intermediate Hebrew I (normally, HBRW 2130 Intermediate Hebrew II). Students who demonstrate proficiency in Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, or Persian language in a suitable manner can substitute another Middle East-related course from the approved list for this requirement. Turkish and Persian are not offered at Tulane.
- 2. History courses:** Students must take HISM 2200 History of Islam to 1400 **and** HISM 2210 History of Modern Middle East, 1750 to the Present. Students can petition to count similar courses at other universities or programs toward this requirement.
- 3. Arab-Israeli Conflict:** Students must take one course on the Arab-Israeli conflict.
- 4. Politics courses:** Students must take at least one of the following two courses: POLC 3340 Middle East Comparative Politics **or** POLI 4660 Middle East Security.
- 5. Electives:** Students must select at least five elective courses from the approved electives list. These must be advanced content courses, at least one of which must be at the 4000 or 6000 level.

Requirements

Students must complete at least ten courses (minimum of 30 credit hours) as follows:

Required Courses

Course ID	Title	Credits
Arabic & Hebrew Requirements		
Students must take at least one course in Arabic beyond ARBC 2030 Intermediate Arabic (normally, ARBC 3150) or at least one course in Hebrew beyond HBRW 2030 Intermediate Hebrew I (normally, HBRW 2130 Intermediate Hebrew II). ¹		3
Arabic Courses		
ARBC 3150	Advanced Arabic	
ARBC 3170	Media Arabic	
ARBC 3220	Introduction to Arabic Literature	
ARBC 3250	Arab Modern Culture	
ARBC 3300	Arabic for International Relations and Diplomacy	
Hebrew Courses		
HBRW 2130	Intermediate Hebrew II	
HBRW 3100	Advanced Hebrew I	
HBRW 3110	Advanced Hebrew II	
History Requirements		
Students must take both of the following courses. Students can petition to count similar courses at other universities or programs toward this requirement. ²		
HISM 2200	Pre-Modern Islamic World	3
HISM 2210	History of Modern Middle East since 18th Century	3
Arab-Israeli Conflict Requirement		
Students must take one of the following courses:		3
JWST 3220 or POLI 4670	Arab/Israeli Conflict Politics of Arab Israeli Confl	

or HISM 3220

Arab/Israeli Conflict

or POLI 3550

Conflict Mgmt in Arab-Israeli

Politics Requirement

Students must take at least one of the following two courses:

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POLC 3340

Middle East Comp Politics

POLI 4660

Middle East Security

Elective Requirements

Students must select at least five elective courses from the approved electives list. These must be advanced content courses, at least one of which must be at the 4000 or 6000 level.

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Total Credit Hours
30
¹ Students who demonstrate proficiency in Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, or Persian language in a suitable manner can substitute another Middle East-related course from the approved list for this requirement. Turkish and Persian are not offered at Tulane.

² These courses are offered at least once every other year. They must be taken in the first semester that they are offered after the student enters the program.

Elective Courses

Courses listed above taken in addition to the minimum required courses can also count as electives. Additional electives may be added with permission of the Program Director.

Course ID	Title	Credits
Anthropology Courses		
ANTH 3470	Many Faces of Islam	3
French Courses		
FREN 4530	Islam and Enlightenment	3
FREN 4830	Francophone Literature of the Maghreb	3
FREN 4831	Writing Algeria	3
FREN 4850	Morocco in Film and Literature	3
FREN 4870	Women Writers of the Arab World	3
History Courses		
HISM 3910	Special Topics	1-4
HISM 6910	Special Topics	1-4
Jewish Studies Courses		
JWST 3740	Israel: Culture, Pol, and Hist	3,4
JWST 4500	The History of Zionism	3-4
Middle East North African Studies Courses		
MENA 4100	Home and the World: Arab American Experiences	3
Political Science Courses		
POLI 3020	Special Projects	3-4
Spanish Courses		
SPAN 4300	Literatures and Cultures of Al-Andalus	3