

# Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies provides a comprehensive understanding of Middle Eastern societies, cultures, religions, history, politics, and conflicts. This online bachelor's degree is useful for business executives, journalists, government contractors, military service members, political analysts, educators, conflict resolution practitioners or other professions requiring an in-depth knowledge of the Middle East.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Analyze the development of political and economic institutions.
- Explain the role of international and transnational organizations in both a global and regional setting.
- Describe how political, economic, social and military structures work within the region.
- Articulate the role of colonization in the development of the nation state system in the ME.
- Determine how conflict and shifting alliances shaped the politics of the region.
- Summarize the challenges facing Middle Eastern countries individually and as a region.
- Compare and contrast the different cultures and religions within the Middle East.
- Evaluate existing cooperation efforts and the long-term viability of those efforts for success.
- Analyze the role religion plays in the political, social, and economic fabric of the region.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	42
	Final Program Requirements	3

Elective Requirements	45
Total Semester Hours	120

## Degree Program Requirements

### General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
LITR201	World Literature through the Renaissance	
LITR202	World Literature since the Renaissance	
LITR210	English Literature: Beowulf to 18th Century	
LITR211	English Literature: 18th Century to Present	
LITR220	American Literature before The Civil War	
LITR221	American Literature from The Civil War to Present	
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
<b>Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	
COMM211	Social Media and Society	
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	

ECON101	Microeconomics
ECON102	Macroeconomics
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness
IRLS210	International Relations I
LITR204	Contemporary World Culture Through Literature
LITR205	Cultural Diversity in Contemporary American Literature
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI212	Social Problems
SOCI220	American Popular Culture

**Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)**

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	3

**History (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	

**Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following:		3
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	

**Natural Sciences with Lab (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following:		3
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	

ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy

Total Semester Hours 30

<sup>1</sup> All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

**Major Required (42 semester hours)**

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS210	International Relations I	3
IRLS213	Political Geography	3
IRLS260	Middle Eastern Culture	3
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	3
IRLS360	Global Politics of Islam	3
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
IRLS460	Government & Security in the Middle East	3
Select 7 courses from the following:		21
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
HIST350	History of the Middle East	
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	
IRLS463	Arab-Israeli Conflict: Contemp. Politics & Dipl.	
IRLS468	Politics and Security in the Persian Gulf	
RELS330	Religions of the Middle East	
RELS353	Islam	

Total Semester Hours 42

**Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)**

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS493	Capstone Middle Eastern Studies (to be taken as the last course before graduation) <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Semester Hours		3

<sup>1</sup> Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

## **Elective Requirements (45 semester hours)**

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major requirements.

Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.