

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES (MEST)

Course Descriptions

MEST 3000 An Introduction to Middle East Studies 4 Credit Hours

This course introduces students to the growing field of Middle East Studies. Students will acquire and demonstrate a command of current theoretical approaches and debates, and they will learn interdisciplinary research methodologies that help us understand the region, past and present. Throughout the course, students will apply these theories and methods to key questions, problems, and debates. The course will culminate in a research project on a subject chosen by the student. (F, AY).

Prerequisite(s): (COMP 106 or COMP 220 or AAST 238 or ENGL 238 or AAST 267 or COMP 267) and (HIST 101 or HIST 103)

MEST 3900 Independent Study in Middle East Studies 1 to 3 Credit Hours

Readings or analytical assignments in Middle East Studies in accordance with the needs and interests of those enrolled and agreed upon by the student and instructor. Permission of instructor required. (YR).

MEST 4000 Advanced Research Seminar in Middle East Studies 4 Credit Hours

This course is designed to fulfill the capstone requirement for Middle East Studies and requires students to develop and execute a research prospectus that results in a presentation of research findings in a class workshop and submission of a capstone paper or equivalent project. (AY, OC).

Prerequisite(s): (COMP 106 or COMP 220 or AAST 238 or ENGL 238 or AAST 267 or COMP 267) and (HIST 101 or HIST 103) and ARBC 202

MEST 4900 Advanced Independent Research in Middle East Studies 1 to 4 Credit Hours

This course is for individual students working on an advanced project developed under the supervision of a faculty member affiliated with Middle East Studies. The resulting project should be equivalent to that of any capstone course in Middle East Studies. Permission of instructor required. (YR).

Prerequisite(s): (COMP 106 or COMP 220 or AAST 238 or ENGL 238 or AAST 267 or COMP 267) and (HIST 101 or HIST 103) and ARBC 202

*An asterisk denotes that a course may be taken concurrently.

Frequency of Offering

The following abbreviations are used to denote the frequency of offering: (F) fall term; (W) winter term; (S) summer term; (F, W) fall and winter terms; (YR) once a year; (AY) alternating years; (OC) offered occasionally