

Course Offerings for the Middle East Studies Program (2014-2015)

Languages

Fall 2014

ISLA 521D1 Introductory Arabic
 ISA 522D1 Lower Intermediate Arabic
 ISLA 523D1 Higher Intermediate Arabic (Modern and Classical)
 ISLA 524 Advanced Arabic 1
 ISLA 532D1 Introductory Turkish
 ISLA 541D1 Introductory Persian
 ISLA 542D1 Lower Intermediate Persian
 ISLA 543 Upper Intermediate Persian 1
 JWST 220D1 Introductory Hebrew
 JWST 320D1 Intermediate Hebrew
 JWST 340D1 Advanced Hebrew

Winter 2015

ISLA 521D2 Introductory Arabic
 ISA 522D2 Lower Intermediate Arabic
 ISLA 523D2 Higher Intermediate Arabic (Modern and Classical)
 ISLA 532D1 Introductory Turkish
 ISLA 541D2 Introductory Persian
 ISLA 542D2 Lower Intermediate Persian
 ISLA 544 Upper Intermediate Persian 2
 ISLA 545 Advanced Persian 1
 JWST 220D2 Introductory Hebrew
 JWST 320D2 Intermediate Hebrew
 JWST 340D2 Advanced Hebrew

History (*denotes core course)

Fall 2014

*HIST 240 Modern History of Islamic Movements
 *ISLA 410 History: Middle-East 1798-1918
 *ISLA 430 Islamdom: From Baghdad to Cordoba
 JWST 366 History of Zionism

Winter 2015

- *HIST 340 History of Modern Egypt (course approved for winter 2015)
- *ISLA 411 History: Middle-East 1918-1945
- *ISLA 515 The Medieval School in Islam

Religion and Philosophy (*denotes core course)

Fall 2014

- *ISLA 200 Islamic Civilization
- *ISLA 330 Islamic Mysticism: Sufism
- *ISLA 345 Science and Civilization in Islam
- *ISLA 370 The Qur'an: History and Interpretation
- *ISLA 380 Islamic Philosophy and Theology
- *JWST 261 History of Jewish Philosophy and Thought (course approved for fall 2014)

Winter 2015

- * ISLA 383 Central Questions-Islamic Law
- *ISLA 581 – 001 Special Topics: Advanced Seminar in Sufism (course approved for winter 2015)
- *JWST 358 Topics in Jewish Philosophy 1: Reason and Revelation: Jewish perspectives in dialog with Christianity and Islam (course approved for winter 2015)
- PHIL 356 Early Medieval Philosophy
- RELG 204 Judaism, Christianity and Islam (May not be taken after any core course has been taken.)

Social Sciences

Fall 2014

- JWST 348 Modern Jewish Studies: Zionism and Literature (course approved for fall 2014)
- JWST 445 The Poetry of Nationalism (course approved for fall 2014)
- POLI 340 Developing Areas/Middle East
- POLI 341 Foreign Policy: The Middle East

Winter 2015

- ISLA 210 Muslim Societies
- ISLA 388 Persian Literature

ISLA 392 Arabic Literature as World Literature
 ISLA 585 Arab Women Lit
 ISLA 581 -002 Special Topics. Age of Empire: Art of the Ottomans, Safavids and Mughals in Comparative Perspective (course approved for winter 2015)
 JWST 309 Jews in Film (course approved for winter 2015)
 JWST 323 The Israeli Novel
 JWST 348 Modern Jewish Studies: Political Expression in Israeli Song (course approved for winter 2015)
 POLI 347 Arab-Israeli Confl, Crisis, Peace
 POLI 437 Politics in Israel

Middle East Studies

Fall 2014

MEST 496 Independent Reading and Research

Winter 2015

MEST 495 Middle East Studies: Research Seminar

MEST 496 Independent Reading and Research

Notes:

History courses: Normally, the 400/500-level courses can only be taken in U2 or U3.

Religion/Philosophy courses: RELG 204 and RELG 256 can only be taken for program credit if taken prior to any "core" courses. The 500-level courses can only be taken in U2 or U3.

Social Science courses: Normally, the social science courses can only be taken in U2 or U3. Students wishing to take POLI 341 or 347 are strongly advised to take POLI 244 in preparation; for POLI 340, the appropriate preparation is POLI 227; for POLI 437, POLI 211 or 212 are recommended.

Middle East Studies (MEST) courses: These courses may be counted as language, history, religion, or social science courses, depending on their content. MEST 495 is a research seminar intended for students in the final year of either the Major or Joint/Honors in Middle East Studies. MEST 496 is a reading course for Honours students, and is subject to the availability and willingness of a suitable faculty member.