

# MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Banner Code:** LA-CERG-MEIS

## Academic Advising

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The graduate certificate allows students to examine the complex issues involved in understanding the Middle East and the broader Islamic world from a variety of perspectives. Students study both contemporary and historical developments in these regions; they take core courses in various disciplines, including political science, history, and religious studies, and have the opportunity to take elective courses in an even broader set of disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, literature, and art history.

The graduate certificate may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the graduate certificate in Middle East and Islamic Studies, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://meis.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-meis/application>).

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

#### Core Courses

MEIS 500	Critical Issues and Debates in Middle East and Islamic Studies	3
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History	3
GOVT 632	Politics and Societies of the Middle East	3
RELI 644	Islamic Texts and Contexts	3
Total Credits		12

#### Electives

Select two electives from the following: 6

ANTH 635	Regional Ethnography (when topic is Middle East and North Africa)
ARTH 599	Special Topics in Art History and the Decorative Arts (when topic is Middle Eastern or Islamic art)
ARTH 699	Topics in Art History (when topic is Middle East or Islamic art)

CONF 653	World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution	
CONF 722	Conflict and Religion	
ENGH 665	Seminar in Global Culture (when topic is Middle East or Muslim world)	
FREN 553	Topics in North African Francophone Literature and Culture	
FRLN 550	Special Topics (when topic is a language of the Middle East or Muslim world)	
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GG5 533	Issues in Regional Geography (when topic is Middle East)	
GOVT 731	Advanced Seminar in Comparative Politics (when topic is the Middle East or a Muslim world region)	
GOVT 733	Islam and Politics	
HIST 585	Problems in Middle Eastern History	
MEIS 794	Graduate Internship in Middle East and Islamic Studies	
MEIS 796	Directed Readings in Middle East and Islamic Studies	
RELI 591	Special Topics in Religious Studies (when topic is Islam or Muslim communities)	
RELI 645	Muslim Comparative Theologies: Sunni-Shi'i Religious Thought	
RELI 646	Islam and Human Rights	
RELI 660	Islamic Biomedical Ethics	
Total Credits		6