

MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: LA-CERG-MEIS

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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.

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

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

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
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

Code	Title	Credits
Select two electives from the following:		
ANTH 635	Regional Ethnography ¹	3
ARTH 599	Special Topics in Art History and the Decorative Arts ²	3
ARTH 699	Topics in Art History ²	3

CONF 653	World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution
CONF 722	Conflict and Religion
ENGH 665	Seminar in Global Culture ³
FREN 553	Topics in North African Francophone Literature and Culture
FRLN 550	Special Topics ⁴
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GG5 533	Issues in Regional Geography ⁵
GOVT 731	Advanced Seminar in Comparative Politics ⁶
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 ⁷
RELI 645	Muslim Comparative Theologies: Sunni-Shi'i Religious Thought
RELI 646	Islam and Human Rights
RELI 660	Islamic Biomedical Ethics

Total Credits 6

- ¹ When topic is Middle East and North Africa.
- ² When topic is Middle Eastern or Islamic art.
- ³ When topic is Middle East or Muslim world.
- ⁴ When topic is a language of the Middle East or Muslim world.
- ⁵ When topic is Middle East.
- ⁶ When topic is the Middle East or a Muslim world region.
- ⁷ When topic is Islam or Muslim communities.