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CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Middle East Studies must take at least 6 courses within the field. Students should be enrolled in a minimum of one Middle East course per semester. Passing a Middle East History Exam is required of all Middle East concentrators. Students are asked to read two books in preparation for the test which consists of 50 fill in the blank questions. It will be administered every February and will be graded pass/fail.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a specialization within International Economics by taking additional course work.

Students in Middle East Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in [Emerging Markets](#).

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. If the core(s) is not completed by the start of their final semester, the student must enroll in a core course(s).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Middle East Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Arabic. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

CAPSTONE

Middle East Studies concentrators must produce an M.A. thesis that involves primary research under the supervision of the Middle East Studies faculty. The paper is written over the two-year period, with an outline and research program due in March of the first year and a working draft of the final thesis to be presented during March of the second year.

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

Requirements for AY 09/10 class

TOOLS & RESOURCES

- Events Calendar
- SAIS Webmail
- SAIS Library
- IT Services
- ISIS
- SAIS Insider/JHU Portal
- SAISWorks
- MySAIS (for prospective students)

PROGRAM LINKS

- Arabic Language Program

MORE INFORMATION

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