SAIS Middle East Studies (MES) Curriculum for AY 2015–2016

Middle East Studies Major Program Tracks

Core Middle East (CME) Track

- Six Courses from CME (24 credits)
  
  **CME Courses**
  - States and Societies of the Middle East and North Africa
  - Major Powers in the Middle East: Egypt (2 credits)
  - Major Powers in the Middle East: Iran (2 credits)
  - Islamist Politics: Theories and Practice (2 credits)
  - Major Powers in the Middle East: the Gulf States (2 credits)
  - Behavioral Sociology of Conflict
  - Middle East Thesis Seminar
  - Energy Markets in the Middle East and Central Asia
  - Arab-Israeli Peace Process
  - The New Turkey
  - The Role of Religion in Contemporary Policy Making Issues
  - Arab Political Thought
  - Geopolitics of the Persian Gulf
  - Political Development of North Africa
  - Muslim Politics and Human Security in Africa
  - Politics and Security of North Africa
  - The War with Al Qaida
  - States, Revolutionaries, and Terrorism
  - Northeast Asia and the Middle East
  - Twin Pillars Of The Gulf (BC)
  - North Africa and the Middle East: History, Politics and Mediterranean Affairs (BC)
  - Political Leadership in the Middle East (BC)
  - The Israel-Palestine Conflict (BC)

Broader Middle East (BME) Track

- Six Courses (24 credits)
  - Minimum of 2 courses (8 credits) from CME
  - Minimum of 2 courses (8 credits) from BME

  **BME Courses**
  - Comparative Political and Economic Development in South Asia
  - Politics of Religion in South Asia
  - Pakistan: Eye of the Geo-Strategic Storm
  - Northeast Asia and the Islamic World
  - Europe and Islam
  - The Caucasus
  - Modern Central Asia
  - The Wars of Afghanistan
  - Northeast Asia and the Middle East
  - Muslim Politics and Human Security in Africa
  - Politics and Security of North Africa

Minor in Middle East Studies

- Three MES courses in total (12 credits)
  - A minimum of two courses (8 credits) must have an MES prefix of SA.860.XXX
  - The remaining course (4 credits) may either have a prefix of SA.860.XXX or can be an MES cross-listed course

Students pursuing a minor in MES do not qualify for program fellowships, summers stipends, or MES program funded international study trips.

Energy, Resources and the Environment
SA.860.761.01 Energy Markets in the Middle East and Central Asia

Conflict Management
SA.860.784.01 Behavioral Sociology of Conflict

Global Theory and History
SA.860.781.01 States, Revolutions and Terrorism

Middle East Studies Bridge Courses

- Core Middle East (CME) Track students eligible to enroll with departmental approval
- 2 credit course- includes summer research stipend

Students will participate in three 1.5-hour pre-departure sessions (Spring 2016), two skype conversations (Summer 2016), three post-research sessions (Audit- Fall 2016), and a 2 credit course in Spring 2017.

*Arabic Proficiency Required

*Urdu, Farsi, Hindi, or Arabic Proficiency Required