SAIS Middle East Studies (MES) Curriculum for AY 2014-2015

Required MES Foundation Course: States and Societies of the Middle East and North Africa (or 80% + on Contemporary Exam)

Middle East History Exam (MEHE) To be completed during the first year of study

Capstone: MES Thesis: Required for students who receive summer funds Or 80% + on Contemporary Exam

Language Proficiency *

MES Program Tracks

Core Middle East (CME) Track

- **Required MES Foundation Course***
- **5 Additional Courses from CME (20 credits)**

(If a student waives the MES Foundation Course, they must replace it with 4 additional credits in CME to total 24 credits)

CME Courses

- 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
- 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
- Political Development of North Africa
- Muslim Politics and Human Security in Africa
- Politics and Security of North Africa
- The War with Al Qaida
- Twin Pillars Of The Gulf (BC)
- Political Leadership in the Middle East (BC)
- The Israel-Palestine Conflict (BC)

***Arabic Proficiency Required**

Broader Middle East (BME) Track

- ***Required MES Foundation Course****
- ***5 Additional Courses (20 credits)***
  - ***Minimum of 1 course (4 credits) from CME***
  - ***Minimum of 1 course (4 credits) from BME***

(If a student waives the MES Foundation Course, they must replace it with 4 additional credits in CME for a total of 24 credits—8 coming from CME.)

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

***Urdu, Farsi, Hindi, or Arabic Proficiency Required**

Energy and Resources Track

- ***Required MES Foundation Course****
- ***5 Additional Courses (20 credits)***
  - ***Required CME course: Energy Markets in the Middle East and Central Asia (4 credits)***
  - ***1 Additional CME course (4 credits)***
  - ***3 ER courses (12 credits)***

(If a student waives the MES Foundation Course, they must replace it with 4 additional credits in CME for a total of 24 credits—12 coming from CME.)

ER Courses

- Energy, Environment and Development in Developing Countries
- The Geopolitics of Energy
- Policy to Drive Energy Innovation
- Global Energy, Resources and Environment Fundamentals
- Facing the Oil Problem: The United States, Canada, OPEC and the World
- International Energy and Environment Practicum
- Energy Technology Futures
- Economics of Natural Resources
- Asian Energy Security
- Politics and Economics of International Energy (BC)
- Energy and Climate Change (BC)
- Renewable Energy: Markets, Technologies & Projects (BC)

***Urdu, Farsi, Hindi, or Arabic Proficiency Required**