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

**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
- 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)

**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

**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)

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**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)

*Arabic Proficiency Required

*Urdu, Farsi, Hindi, or Arabic Proficiency Required