Middle East Studies | M.A. Requirements 2011-2012
(entering class)

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. All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Native Arabic speakers must pass proficiency in a second language which can include English.

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. For those whose final semester is fall, consult the Program Director for due date.

A total of 16 courses taken for credit are required for an MA degree (unless a student has advanced standing or is in a dual-degree program).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

AY 2010-2011 Entering Class
AY 2009-2010 Entering Class

DEGREE AUDIT (CHECKLIST) BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

AY 2011-2012
AY 2010-2011

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