

# BA in Middle East Studies / Arabic (570141) MAP Sheet

International and Area Studies, Middle Eastern Studies - Arabic Program

For students entering the degree program during the 2022-2023 curricular year.



University Core and Graduation Requirements				Suggested Sequence of Courses			
<b>University Core Requirements:</b>				<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>			
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>#Classes</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>1st Semester</b>		<b>JUNIOR YEAR</b>	
<b>Religion Cornerstones</b>				<b>5th Semester</b>			
Teachings and Doctrine of The Book of Mormon	1	2.0	REL A 275	First-year Writing or American Heritage	3.0	ARAB 300	4.0
Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel	1	2.0	REL A 250	MESA 201	3.0	ARAB 302	4.0
Foundations of the Restoration	1	2.0	REL C 225	Civilization 1	3.0	ARAB 211R	2.0
The Eternal Family	1	2.0	REL C 200	ARAB 101	4.0	ARAB 311R	2.0
<b>The Individual and Society</b>				Religion Cornerstone course	2.0	ARAB 331	4.0
American Heritage	1-2	3-6.0	from approved list	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Global and Cultural Awareness	1	3.0	GEOG 271	<b>6th Semester</b>			
<b>Skills</b>				First-year Writing or American Heritage	3.0	MESA Track requirements	3-4.0
First Year Writing	1	3.0	WRTG 150 recommended	MESA 250	3.0	MESA Track requirements	3.0
Advanced Written and Oral Communications	1-2	3.0-6.0	POLI 200 + MESA 495	ARAB 102	4.0	Biological or Physical Science elective	3.0
Quantitative Reasoning	1	3-4.0	from approved list	Religion Cornerstone course	2.0	General elective	3.0
Languages of Learning (Math or Language)	1	4.0	ARAB 202	General electives	3.0	Religion elective	2.0
<b>Arts, Letters, and Sciences</b>				<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14-15.0</b>
Civilization 1	1	3.0	from approved list	<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR</b>			
Civilization 2	1	3.0	from approved list	<b>3rd Semester</b>			
Arts	1	3.0	from approved list	ARAB 201	4.0	Religion elective	2.0
Letters	1	3.0	IHUM 242 recommended	MESA Track requirements	3.0	MESA Track requirements	3-4.0
Biological Science	1	3-4.0	BIO 100 recommended	MESA Track requirements	3.0	MESA Track requirements	3-4.0
Physical Science	1	3.0	PHY S 100 recommended	Religion Cornerstone course	2.0	MESA Track requirements	3.0
Social Science	1	3.0	ECON 110 recommended	Quantitative Reasoning	3.0	Biological or Physical Science elective	3.0
<b>Core Enrichment: Electives</b>				<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14-16.0</b>
Religion Electives	3-4	6.0	REL A 301, REL C 351 recommended	<b>4th Semester</b>			
Open Electives	Variable	Variable	personal choice	ARAB 202	4.0	MESA 495	3.0
<b>Graduation Requirements:</b>				MESA Track requirements	3.0	MESA track elective	2-3.0
Minimum residence hours required		30.0		MESA Track requirements	3.0	MESA Track requirements	3.0
Minimum hours needed to graduate		120.0		Civilization 2	3.0	Religion elective	2.0
				Religion Cornerstone course	2.0	Arts or Letters elective	3.0
				<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15.0</b>	GE Social Science	3.0
						<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16-17.0</b>

Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.

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**2022-2023 Program Requirements (62 - 70 Credit Hours)**

*Students should take courses in this approximate sequence: (1) language prerequisites; (2) core major curriculum; (3) track requirements in "History and Humanities" or "Social Sciences"; (4) Arabic study abroad; (5) track electives; and (6) senior seminar.*

**Note: Students with a second major in Arabic language cannot double count the same upper-division Arabic courses for both the double major and for MESA elective credit.**

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 2 courses

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE PREREQUISITE COURSES OR EQUIVALENT.**

ARAB 101 - First-Year Arabic 4.0  
 ARAB 102 - First-Year Arabic 4.0

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 5 courses

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CORE CURRICULUM:**

ARAB 201 - Second-Year Arabic 4.0  
 \*ARAB 202 - Intermediate Arabic 4.0  
 MESA 201 - Introduction to Middle East Studies 3.0  
 MESA 250 - Introduction to the Religion of Islam 3.0  
 MESA 300 - Professional Development in International Studies 1.0

**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 5 courses

**COMPLETE THE ONE-SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN THE ARAB WORLD, WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ARABIC LANGUAGE COURSES:**

ARAB 211R - Second-Year Conversation 2.0  
 ARAB 300 - Advanced Modern Standard Arabic 4.0  
 ARAB 302 - Newspaper Arabic 4.0  
 ARAB 311R - Third-Year Conversation 2.0  
 ARAB 331 - Spoken Arabic 4.0

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 1 course

**COMPLETE A SENIOR SEMINAR IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES. (NOTE: THIS COURSE SHOULD BE TAKEN AFTER RETURNING FROM THE SEMESTER ABROAD. CHOOSE A SENIOR SEMINAR SECTION ON A TOPIC APPROPRIATE TO YOUR TRACK SPECIALIZATION WHEN AVAILABLE.)**

MESA 495 - Senior Seminar in Middle East Studies 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 5** Complete 1 option

**CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY TRACKS:**

**OPTION 5.1** Complete 4 groups

**HISTORY AND HUMANITIES TRACK:**

**GROUP 5.1.1** Complete 4 courses

ARAB 424R - Modern Arabic Literature 2.0  
 HIST 240 - Middle East History to 1800 3.0

HIST 241 - Middle East History from 1800 3.0  
 IHUM 242 - Introduction to the Humanities of the Islamic World 3.0

**GROUP 5.1.2** Complete 1 course

CMLIT 310 - Introduction to Literary Analysis and Comparative Liter; 3.0  
 HIST 200 - The Historian's Craft 3.0  
 IHUM 311 - Advanced Writing in Comparative Arts and Humanities 3.0

**GROUP 5.1.3** Complete 1 course

ARAB 361 - Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0  
 ARAB 362 - Introduction to Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0

**GROUP 5.1.4** Complete 11.0 hours from the following course(s)

ANTHR 340 - Peoples of the Middle East 3.0  
 ANTHR 379 - Archaeology of Islam 3.0  
 ARAB 361 - Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0  
 ARAB 362 - Introduction to Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation 3.0  
 ARAB 377 - Arabic Language Teaching Methods 3.0  
 ARAB 411R - Advanced Formal Arabic Conversation and Rhetorical 3.0v  
 ARAB 422R - Advanced Spoken Arabic 2.0  
 ARAB 424R - Modern Arabic Literature 2.0  
*You may take this course up to 2 times.*

ARAB 425R - Classical Arabic Texts 2.0  
*You may take this course up to 2 times.*

ARAB 427 - Arab Women Authors 2.0  
 ARAB 495R - Directed Studies in Arabic 3.0v  
 \*GEOG 271 - Middle East 3.0  
 HEB 201 - Second-Year Modern Hebrew 1 4.0  
 HIST 244 - Jewish History: A.D. 70 to the Present 3.0  
 HIST 308 - The Mediterranean 3.0  
 HIST 335 - Crusades 3.0  
 HIST 390R - Special Topics in History 3.0v  
 IAS 354R - Model Arab League Preparation 3.0v  
 IAS 399R - International and Area Studies Academic Internship 9.0v  
*You may take up to 3 credit hours.*

IHUM 350 - Interpretation of Literature and the Arts 3.0  
 LING 452 - Introduction to Sociolinguistics 3.0  
 MESA 320 - The Qur'an in English 3.0  
 MESA 350 - Islam in Contemporary Society 3.0  
 MESA 380 - Middle Eastern Field Studies 1.0  
 MESA 399R - Academic Internship 3.0v  
*You may take up to 3 credit hours.*  
 MESA 451 - (Not currently offered)  
 MESA 467R - Topics in Middle East Studies 3.0v

PERSI 201 - Second-Year Language Study: Persian 4.0  
 POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0  
 POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East 3.0  
 POLI 452 - Islam and Politics 3.0  
 POLI 474 - Arab-Palestinian-Israeli Conflict 3.0  
 TURK 201 - Second-Year Language Study: Turkish 4.0

**Note 1: Arab 361 and 362 can only be taken for elective credit if they are not used to satisfy the core track credit requirement.**

**Note 2: Arab 424R and 425R can each be taken up to two times with different content, including in fulfilling the core track requirement.**

**Note 3: Students can receive no more than 3 total internship credit hours to satisfy this requirement.**

**Note 4: Relevant MESA 467R courses can be taken for credit with permission.**

**Note 5: Students with a second major in Arabic Language cannot double count the same upper-division Arabic courses for both the double major and for MESA elective credit.**

**OPTION 5.2** Complete 4 groups

**SOCIAL SCIENCES TRACK:**

**GROUP 5.2.1** Complete 5 courses

ECON 110 - Economic Principles and Problems 3.0  
 \*GEOG 271 - Middle East 3.0  
 HIST 241 - Middle East History from 1800 3.0  
 POLI 200 - Political Inquiry 4.0  
 POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0

**GROUP 5.2.2** Complete 1 course

POLI 150 - Comparative Government and Politics 3.0  
 POLI 170 - Introduction to International Politics 3.0  
 POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0  
 POLI 270 - Principles of International Relations 3.0

**GROUP 5.2.3** Complete 2.0 hours from the following course(s)

ARAB 411R - Advanced Formal Arabic Conversation and Rhetorical 3.0v  
 ARAB 422R - Advanced Spoken Arabic 2.0  
 ARAB 423R - Current Events in Arabic 2.0  
 ARAB 424R - Modern Arabic Literature 2.0  
 ARAB 427 - Arab Women Authors 2.0  
 ARAB 495R - Directed Studies in Arabic 3.0v

**GROUP 5.2.4** Complete 7.0 hours from the following course(s)

ANTHR 340 - Peoples of the Middle East 3.0  
 ECON 230 - Economic Development and Growth 3.0

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The region itself provides the focus, but historians, political scientists, anthropologists, economists, geographers, linguists, art historians, and literary and religious scholars all provide important insights into the area, each from the context of their own discipline. Undergirding all of these perspectives is linguistic skill in Arabic, through which access to original sources, press analyses, and native speakers is possible. Middle East Studies/Arabic as a whole tries to integrate these insights and to provide analysis and understanding that go beyond any single discipline.</p> <p><b>PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS:</b></p> <p>All students majoring in International and Area Studies programs are encouraged to seek a meaningful experience with a foreign culture as part of their academic program. Credit earned while participating in a university-sponsored Study Abroad program, the Washington Seminar, international internships, or other supervised foreign experiences may be applied toward major requirements. For further information see the director of undergraduate studies or your faculty advisor.</p> <p><b>HONORARY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS:</b></p> <p>Model U.N. (IAS 351R), Model Arab League, Arabic Club, Sigma Iota Rho, and Middle East Studies Arabic Students (MESAS).</p> <p><b>CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:</b></p> <p>The Middle East Studies/Arabic major aims specifically to prepare students to work as analysts and experts on the Middle East for government agencies, businesses, and other organizations.</p> <p>Linguistic skill in Arabic, as well as a solid understanding of the history, politics, and culture of the region is vital to these agencies, many of them desperate for real expertise and language ability.</p>	<p>With its integrated, interdisciplinary focus on a single region and a strong emphasis on acquiring a usable knowledge of Arabic, it is also a good liberal arts major for students planning a career in law, medicine, or business in general—in fact, any field where a broad understanding and finely honed analytical and writing skills are valued.</p> <p><b>MAP DISCLAIMER</b></p> <p>While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.</p> <p><b>ADVISEMENT CENTER INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>Kennedy Center Advisement</b>          Brigham Young University          273 HRCB          Provo, UT 84602          Telephone: (801) 422-3548 • toll-free (877) 890-5668          kennedy_advisement@byu.edu</p>
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