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Middle East & N African St (MENA)

MENA 103A: Elementary Modern Hebrew (5 units)
Description: Intensive introduction to basic oral skills, reading and writing to accomplish simple conversation and read easy Hebrew with comprehension.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 103A
Also offered as: JUS 103A
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Special Exam: Special Exam Grade & Credit

MENA 103B: Elementary Modern Hebrew (5 units)
Description: Intensive introduction to establish foundation for beginning fluency in conversation, reading and writing.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 103B
Also offered as: JUS 103B
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Enrollment requirement: JUS/MENA 103A
Special Exam: Special Exam Grade & Credit
MENA 150C1: Islamic Civilization: Traditional & Modern Middle East (3 units)
Description: This course will introduce students to the basic principles of the religion of Islam and its historical development from the seventh century to the present day. We will focus on Islam as a culture by asking how it spread and changed, how it produced traditions and institutions, and how it has both shaped and adapted to the realities of the modern world. The course will ask students to consider the religion and civilizations of the Islamic world as dynamic processes by looking for patterns of structure formation, institutionalization, change and decline in the political, economic, military and cultural realms. While the main focus will be on the Middle East heartland of classical Islam, the spread of Islam to Africa, South and Southeast Asia and the west will also be examined. Students will be expected to illustrate mastery of basic geographical, historical and doctrinal information, as well as to show increasing ability to critically evaluate certain central questions with regard to a variety of historical and geographical contexts and to mobilize evidence in defense of their views.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Discussion May Be Offered
Lecture Required
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Enrollment requirement: Enrollment not allowed if you have previously taken INDV 103 "Islamic Civilization: Traditional & Modern Middle East “ (Topic 4).
General Education: INDV 103

MENA 160A1: The Religion of Islam (3 units)
Description: This course provides an overview of the Qur'an, life and teachings of Muhammad, and the differences between Sunni and Shi'i Islam. Students also receive an introduction to Islamic intellectual traditions and cultures.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Discussion May Be Offered
Lecture Required
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Enrollment requirement: Enrollment not allowed if you have previously taken TRAD 101 "The Religion of Islam" (Topic 4).
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
General Education: TRAD 101
**MENA 160A2: Middle Eastern Humanities** (3 units)

**Description:** Introduces students to the values, traditions, and development of Middle Eastern (Islamic) culture and civilization. This course is designed to familiarize students with the principal achievements in art, architecture and literature of Islamic civilization, to help students understand these achievements in their social and cultural contexts, and to consider the historical evolution of our knowledge and understanding of these achievements.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Discussion May Be Offered Lecture Required

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Enrollment requirement:** Enrollment not allowed if you have previously taken TRAD 101 "Middle Eastern Humanities" (Topic 7).

**General Education:** Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis

**General Education:** TRAD 101

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**MENA 160A3: Ancient Civilizations of the Near East** (3 units)

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to examine the rich and fascinating history of the Ancient Near East. It will familiarize students with the principal social, cultural, religious, and material achievements of the major political entities of the region. Our survey begins with the rise of the first civilization in Mesopotamia and ends with the rise of Islam. The assumptions underlying archaeological reconstruction and textual interpretation will be examined and critiqued. Contacts between traditions, mutual accommodations, and reciprocal influences will be discussed. The different experiences of men and women, rulers and ruled, urban dwellers, and rural and pastoral populations will also be considered.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Discussion May Be Offered Lecture Required

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Enrollment requirement:** Enrollment not allowed if you have previously taken TRAD 101 "Ancient Civilizations of the Near East" (Topic 10).

**General Education:** Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis

**General Education:** TRAD 101

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**MENA 194: Practicum** (1 - 3 units)

**Description:** The practical application, on an individual basis, of previously studied theory and the collection of data for future theoretical interpretation.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grading: S, P, F

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Independent Study Required

**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
MENA 197A: Topics in Middle Eastern Issues (1 - 3 units)
Description: Course will provide instruction in a variety of Middle Eastern topics including geography, history, languages, culture, religions, social issues, art and politics.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Workshop Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated for a maximum of 15 units.
Course typically offered: Summer 1 and Summer 2

MENA 199: Independent Study (1 - 3 units)
Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 203A: Intermediate Modern Hebrew (5 units)
Description: Instruction to achieve moderate fluency in conversation, reading and writing.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 203A
Also offered as: JUS 203A
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Enrollment requirement: JUS/MENA 103B
Special Exam: Special Exam Grade & Credit

MENA 203B: Intermediate Modern Hebrew (5 units)
Description: Instruction to achieve moderate fluency in conversation, reading and writing.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 203B
Also offered as: JUS 203B
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Enrollment requirement: JUS/MENA 203A
Special Exam: Special Exam Grade & Credit

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 251: World Regions: Comparative and Global Perspectives (3 units)
Description: Survey and comparison of major world regions with a focus on how global processes, regional interconnections, and local geographic conditions create distinctive regions and landscapes.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Discussion May Be Offered
Lecture Required
Equivalent to: LAS 251, NES 251
Also offered as: GEOG 251, GEOG 251-CC, LAS 251
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Home department: School of Geography and Development
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
General Education: Tier 2 Individuals & Societies

MENA 277A: History of the Middle East (3 units)
Description: Middle East history from the rise of Islam to the Turkish conquest of Constantinople, 600-1453.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 277A, NES 477A, RELI 277A
Also offered as: HIST 277A, RELI 277A
Course typically offered: Fall
General Education: Tier 2 Humanities

MENA 277B: History of the Middle East: Modern Middle East (3 units)
Description: Modern Middle East: the Ottoman Empire, Iran, and the Arab lands, 1453-present.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 277B
Also offered as: HIST 277B
Course typically offered: Spring
Recommendations and additional information: MENA 277A is not prerequisite to MENA 277B.
General Education: Tier 2 Humanities

MENA 294: Practicum (1 - 3 units)
Description: The practical application, on an individual basis, of previously studied theory and the collection of data for future theoretical interpretation.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

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MENA 299: Independent Study (1 - 4 units)
Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 299H: Honors Independent Study (1 - 3 units)
Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Enrollment requirement: Student must be active in the Honors College.
Honors Course: Honors Course

MENA 303A: Advanced Modern Hebrew (3 units)
Description: Advanced instruction in modern Hebrew language and literature.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 303A
Also offered as: JUS 303A
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Enrollment requirement: JUS/MENA 203B

MENA 303B: Advanced Modern Hebrew (3 units)
Description: Advanced instruction in modern Hebrew language and literature.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 303B
Also offered as: JUS 303B
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Enrollment requirement: JUS/MENA 303A

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**MENA 309: Epistles of Saint Paul** (3 units)
*Description*: Examination of the religious and cultural background in the Greco-Roman world during the lifetime of St. Paul; analysis of Paul's thought in Acts and the Epistles.
*Grading basis*: Regular Grades
*Career*: Undergraduate
*Course Components*: Lecture Required
*Equivalent to*: NES 309
*Also offered as*: RELI 309
*Course typically offered*: Fall
*Home department*: Committee on Religious Studies

**MENA 311E: Geography of the Middle East** (3 units)
*Description*: Physical environments and cultural areas of Southwest Asia, with emphasis on people-environment interrelationships, settlement systems, and impact of Islam.
*Grading basis*: Regular Grades
*Career*: Undergraduate
*Course Components*: Lecture Required
*Equivalent to*: NES 311E
*Also offered as*: GEOG 311E
*Course typically offered*: Fall
*Home department*: School of Geography and Development
*General Education*: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
*Writing Emphasis*: Writing Emphasis Course

**MENA 330: Languages & Societies of the Middle East** (3 units)
*Description*: A course designed to explore the social and linguistic aspects of the languages and cultures of Middle Eastern countries.
*Grading basis*: Regular Grades
*Career*: Undergraduate
*Course Components*: Lecture Required
*Also offered as*: ANTH 330, LING 330
*Course typically offered*: Fall and Spring
*General Education*: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
*General Education*: Tier 2 Individuals & Societies
*Honors Course*: Honors Contract
MENA 334: Islamic Thought (3 units)
Description: A consideration of Islam, one of the world’s major religions, and the view of the universe and the modes of behavior and values it advocates. Most of the course will be dedicated to an examination of the majority (Sunni) opinion, but some attention will be directed also to the more significant minority (Shi'i, et al.) positions as well. The course has no prerequisite but does build on the information presented in TRAD 101 Middle Eastern Humanities.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NESV 334, RELI 334, RELV 334, RELV 334
Also offered as: RELI 334
Course typically offered: Spring
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
General Education: Tier 2 Individuals & Societies

MENA 343: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt (3 units)
Description: Art and archaeology of the Egyptian civilization from the beginning of the Pharaonic Period to the Alexandrian Age.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ANTH 334, ANTH 343, ARC 343, ARH 334, ARH 343, ART 334, CLAS 334, NES 343
Also offered as: ANTH 343, ARC 343, ARH 343, CLAS 343
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Classics

MENA 348: Israeli Fiction and Poetry (3 units)
Description: The course provides an introduction to major trends in Israeli fiction, poetry, and literary criticism. It also provides a historical background on ideological context and cultural identity formation by learning about Israeli literary accomplishments beginning in the 1880’s and ending in the 1990’s.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ENGL 348, NES 348
Also offered as: ENGL 348, JUS 348
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
MENA 350: Key Novels of the Middle East and North Africa (3 units)
Description: This course centers on novels from Arab countries, Iran and Turkey, focusing on how particular narrative forms enable particular visions of morality and social order.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 354: Food Traditions of the Middle East & North Africa (3 units)
Description: This course will examine different "foodscapes" created over time in the region. We will examine the interactions of variety of factors in the development of culinary cultures: geography and environment; religion, language and cultural practices; history; social organization, ethnicity, status and gender; science and technology and consider particular ritual practices, feasting and fasting customs and dietary rules. How have authors used the topic of food in their writings?
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: ANTH 354
Course typically offered: Spring
Enrollment requirement: Student must be active in the Honors College.
Honors Course: Honors Course

MENA 365: Muslim Views of the West (3 units)
Description: This course investigates how consciousness of "the West" as a rival cultural entity emerged in Muslim societies, and how the West has been represented and evaluated by Muslim intellectuals from the colonial period to current debates over US hegemony and globalization.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: RELI 365
Also offered as: RELI 365
Course typically offered: Spring
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course
MENA 372A: History and Religion of Israel in Ancient Times -- The Biblical Period (3 units)
Description: Survey of the history and religion of ancient Israel. Biblical period through the Babylonian Exile; introduction to the Hebrew Bible.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 372A, NES 372A, ORS 372A, RELI 372A
Also offered as: HIST 372A, JUS 372A, RELI 372A
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
General Education: Tier 2 Humanities

MENA 372B: History & Religion of Israel in Ancient Times: Ezra-Nehemiah to the Roman Empire (3 units)
Description: Survey of the history and religion of ancient Israel. Ezra-Nehemiah to the Roman Empire, with emphasis on the formation of rabbinic Judaism.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Laboratory May Be Offered
Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 372B, NES 372B, ORS 372B, RELI 372B
Also offered as: HIST 372B, JUS 372B, RELI 372B
Course typically offered: Spring
Recommendations and additional information: Two courses from Tier One, Traditions and Cultures (TRAD 101,102,103,104).
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
General Education: Tier 2 Humanities

MENA 375: Ethnography of the Middle East (3 units)
Description: Introduction to and critical examination of the ethnographic literature on the peoples/cultures of the Middle East. Focus on social organization, cultural meanings, and regional political economy.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ANTH 375, ANTV 375, ANTV 375, NESV 375
Also offered as: ANTH 375
Course typically offered: Spring
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course
MENA 377: Modern Israel (3 units)
Description: Evolution of the State of Israel from the rise of Zionism in 19th Century Europe to the present. Survey of the origins of the State of Israel from the rise of Zionism in 19th Century Europe to the Declaration of the State of Israel in 1948. Evolution of the State of Israel from 1949 to the present. Emphasis on interactive generative processes and understanding of the interplay between past processes and present socio-political realities.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 377, NES 377, POL 377
Also offered as: HIST 377, JUS 377, JUS 377-CC, POL 377
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 379: The Ottoman Turkish Empire (3 units)
Description: A survey of Ottoman history noting its expansion into Europe and the Middle East and its political and social institutions.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 379
Also offered as: HIST 379, MENA 379-CC
Course typically offered: Fall

MENA 379-CC: The Ottoman Turkish Empire (3 units)
Description: A survey of Ottoman history noting its expansion into Europe and the Middle East and its political and social institutions.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Correspondence
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 379
Also offered as: HIST 379, MENA 379
Home department: Outreach College
**MENA 380: The Middle East and North Africa since the “Arab Spring”** (3 units)

**Description:** The revolutions and uprisings of the 2011 "Arab Spring" are undoubtedly the most significant democratic transformations since the fall of the Soviet Union. The extent of such revolutions has yet to be realized, yet it is essential to understand their origins and developments. This course will use "Arab Spring" as a lens for introducing students to the political systems, social issues, youth culture, new social media, international alliances, and cultural values of the Arab world.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** HIST 380

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

**MENA 381A: History of Muslim Societies** (3 units)

**Description:** Rise of Islam, creation of Islamic society, relationship of religion and politics.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 381A

**Also offered as:** HIST 381A

**Course typically offered:** Fall

**Home department:** History

**MENA 381B: History of Muslim Societies** (3 units)

**Description:** Evolution and global spread of Muslim societies, modernization and its problems.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 381B

**Also offered as:** HIST 381B

**Course typically offered:** Spring

**Home department:** History

**MENA 382: Archaeology and the Bible** (3 units)

**Description:** Focuses on the relationship between archaeological investigations and the study of the Bible. In combination with a discussion of how archaeology can assist in reconstructing many aspects of the cultural and social milieu of the Bible, this course will survey major discoveries which illuminate the Bible.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 382, RELI 382

**Also offered as:** JUS 382, RELI 382

**Course typically offered:** Spring

**Home department:** Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

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**May Be Offered** Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
**MENA 383: Religion and State in Islam** (3 units)
*Description:* Examines the changing relationship between Islam and politics from the time of the Prophet to the present day.
*Grading basis:* Regular Grades
*Career:* Undergraduate
*Course Components:* Lecture Required
*Equivalent to:* NES 383, RELI 383
*Also offered as:* HIST 383, RELI 383
*Course typically offered:* Fall
*Home department:* History

**MENA 384: Introduction to Conflict in the Middle East** (3 units)
*Description:* Western media constantly bombards us with reports of conflict in the Middle East. This course will explore the historical events that shaped the social and political landscape. This course will use a four-tiered approach to introduce the issue of conflict in the Middle East; a survey of the current state of conflict in the region; a practical, foundational understanding of the region using its formative contemporary history, geography, demography and politics/political economy; introduction of conflicts shaping the region since WWI; and specific conflict case study and analysis. Students will gain the ability to analyze regional conflicts (past, present and future) in each of their three phases - development, conflict, repercussions- and properly situate them within their historical, regional and international contexts.
*Grading basis:* Regular Grades
*Career:* Undergraduate
*Course Components:* Lecture Required
*Also offered as:* HIST 384, PA 384
*Course typically offered:* Fall and Spring

**MENA 385: Introduction to Political Islam** (3 units)
*Description:* Political Islam has become one of the most ubiquitous forces across the Muslim world in the last four decades. While most of these movements share a common commitment to promoting Islamic morality and resisting external forces, there is enormous diversity and change within what is generalised as "Islamism". Student will learn to grasp the basic differences as well as overlaps in identity and approach between the major streams of contemporary political Islam with regard to popularity and location, preference for armed vs. political strategies, nationalism vs. Pan-Islamist orientation, sectarian attitudes, levels of pragmatism, etc. Students are expected to be familiar with basic history, geography and religious terminology of the Muslim world prior to taking this course.
*Grading basis:* Regular Grades
*Career:* Undergraduate
*Course Components:* Lecture Required
*Also offered as:* HIST 385, POL 385
*Course typically offered:* Fall and Spring

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 389: Middle Eastern Ethnic and Religious Minorities (3 units)
Description: Overview of ethnic and religious minorities in the contemporary Middle East, study of ethnic and religious diversity and its origin and manifestations in the modern Middle East. Examination of how the concept of religious and ethnic minority has emerged as a key factor in state policies towards minorities as well as the cultural, economic, political, religious, and educational lives of its people.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ANTH 389, HIST 389, JUS 389, POL 389, RELI 389
Also offered as: ANTH 389, HIST 389, JUS 389, POL 389, RELI 389
Course typically offered: Fall
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

MENA 391: Preceptorship (1 - 3 units)
Description: Specialized work on an individual basis, consisting of instruction and practice in actual service in a department, program, or discipline. Teaching formats may include seminars, in-depth studies, laboratory work and patient study.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 393: Internship (1 - 6 units)
Description: Specialized work on an individual basis, consisting of training and practice in actual service in a technical, business, or governmental establishment.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 11 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Student Engagement Activity: Professional Development
Student Engagement Competency: Professionalism

MENA 396H: Honors Proseminar (3 units)
Description: The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Enrollment requirement: Student must be active in the Honors College.
Honors Course: Honors Course

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 399: Independent Study (1 - 3 units)
Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 399H: Honors Independent Study (1 - 3 units)
Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Enrollment requirement: Student must be active in the Honors College.
Honors Course: Honors Course

MENA 400: Topics of Egyptology (3 units)
Description: This course will survey both the historical development of Egyptology and the archaeological, art historical, literary and other methodologies utilized by this discipline.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 3 times.
Equivalent to: NES 400
Also offered as: ANTH 400, CLAS 400
Co-convened with: NES 500
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Classics
Honors Course: Honors Contract
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 402A: Economic History of the Islamic World (3 units)
Description: An introduction to the economic history of the Islamic world from the seventh century to the present day.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 402A
Also offered as: HIST 402A
Co-convened with: MENA 502A
Course typically offered: Fall
Recommendations and additional information: NES/MENA 277A and NES/MENA 277B or consent of instructor.

MENA 403: Art and Architecture of the Islamic World (3 units)
Description: Principal achievements in Islamic architecture 680-1600, AD/CE, understand the achievements in social/cultural contexts, become familiar with vocabulary and basic methodologies of the field, and consider historical evolution of our knowledge and understanding of this architecture.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ARC 403, ARH 403
Also offered as: ARC 403, ARH 403
Co-convened with: NES 503
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 405: Classical Aramaic (3 units)
Description: This course covers the fundamentals of Standard Literary or Imperial Aramaic grammar, deals with the place of Aramaic within the Semitic languages, and introduces the student to texts in a few Aramaic dialects. The course emphasizes grammar and reading comprehension.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: JUS 405
Co-convened with: NES 505
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Recommendations and additional information: Students wishing to enroll in this course must have completed two years of Modern Hebrew or one year of Biblical Hebrew. Students lacking these prerequisites must secure the instructor's permission to enroll in this course.
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
**MENA 407: Business Environment in the Middle East and North Africa** (3 units)

**Description:** The objective of the course is to provide the tools to function comfortably in the Middle East and North Africa business environment. It will provide a basic understanding of the history, geography, politics, economics and culture of these areas.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** MGMT 407

**Course typically offered:** Fall

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**MENA 408A: Islamic Movements in the Contemporary Muslim World** (3 units)

**Description:** The course objectives are (1) to acquaint students with traditional literature and contemporary research on Islamic movements, and 2) to introduce students to the historical and ideological basis of an emerging globalized political Islam.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** ANTH 408A, HIST 408A, POL 408A, RELI 408A

**Co-convened with:** NES 508A

**Course typically offered:** Fall

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

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**MENA 409A: Biblical Hebrew: Prose Texts** (3 units)

**Description:** Study of Biblical Hebrew grammar and literature: Prose texts.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 409A

**Also offered as:** JUS 409A

**Co-convened with:** NES 509A

**Course typically offered:** Fall

**Home department:** Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

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**MENA 409B: Biblical Hebrew: Poetry** (3 units)

**Description:** Study of Biblical Hebrew grammar and literature: Poetry.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 409B

**Also offered as:** JUS 409B

**Co-convened with:** NES 509B

**Course typically offered:** Spring

**Home department:** Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

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**MENA 417A: North African Societies: History, Culture & Politics** (3 units)

**Description:** The objectives are to highlight the thematic, theoretical, and methodological approaches and contributions in the field of North African studies and to underline the relationship, continuities, and discontinuities between the colonial past and postcolonial realities.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** ANTH 417A, HIST 417A, POL 417A

**Co-convened with:** NES 517A

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

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**MENA 418: Historiography: The Annals of the Arab Israeli Conflict** (3 units)

**Description:** This course in the historiography of the Arab Israeli Conflict will engage in a comparative analysis of the various Israeli approaches with those of their Palestinian counterparts. The course analyzes what has been learned about history, the writing of history, and how that informs the various approaches to the understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** HIST 418, JUS 418, POL 418

**Co-convened with:** MENA 518

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Home department:** Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

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**MENA 430A: Language and Society in the Middle East** (3 units)

**Description:** Explores the social and linguistic aspects of the languages and cultures of Middle Eastern countries with the central goal of introducing students to the correlation between social and linguistic variables from a contemporary sociolinguistic perspective.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** ANTH 430A, LING 430A

**Also offered as:** ANTH 430A, LING 430A

**Co-convened with:** NES 530A

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course
**MENA 435: Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism** (3 units)
Description: Surveys the ideology, symbolism, and major themes of Jewish mysticism as evidenced in several prominent mystical texts. The core of this course will be reading the texts in English translation and the development of skills in reading and understanding a Jewish mystical text.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 435, ORS 435, RELI 435
Also offered as: JUS 435, RELI 435
Co-convened with: MENA 535
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

**MENA 438: The Book of Psalms** (3 units)
Description: The characteristic features of Hebrew poetry. The literary development of these writings and their function in the Israelite cult. Examples of biblical poetry outside the book of Psalms also considered.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 438, RELI 438
Also offered as: JUS 438, RELI 438
Co-convened with: MENA 538
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

**MENA 441: Arab-Israeli Conflict** (3 units)
Description: Traces the birth and growth of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1948 with particular attention to the internal impediments to conflict resolution on both the Arab and Israeli sides. Also surveys the role of the Great Powers in Middle East politics generally.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 441, ORS 441
Also offered as: POL 441
Co-convened with: MENA 541
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Home department: School of Government and Public Policy
General Education: Gen Ed Diversity Emphasis
**MENA 444: Islamic Mysticism** (3 units)
Description: Origin and development of Sufism and its impact on Muslim and non-Muslim worlds.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 444, HIST 487, NES 487, ORS 432, RELI 432, RELI 444
Also offered as: HIST 444, RELI 444
Co-convened with: NES 544
Course typically offered: Spring

**MENA 445: Women in Islamic History** (3 units)
Description: Examination of the roles women have played throughout Islamic history and of the changing discourse in the Islamic community about women and their roles.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: GWS 445, NES 445
Also offered as: GWS 445, HIST 445, RELI 445
Co-convened with: NES 545
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: History

**MENA 448: Arabic Literature in English Translation** (3 units)
Description: Overview of classical Arabic literature; pre-Islamic era to Abbasid periods. Explore artistic poetic characteristics of each of these periods and their most important genres. Examine political, social, intellectual and religious environments in the emergence of these four distinctive literatures.
Grading basis: Student Option ABCDE/PF
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ARB 348, NES 448
Also offered as: ARB 448
Co-convened with: NES 548
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arabic

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**MENA 451: Gender and Violence in the Middle East** (3 units)

**Description:** The Middle East region is often portrayed as a patriarchal, misogynist, and violent place in Western discourse. Terror, violence against women, and honor killings are increasingly popular topics of popular and academic interest in the region. Approaching these issues from a critical perspective this class seeks to answer: What are the power dynamics of gender relations in the Middle East? What are the gendered contours of the different forms of collective violence in the region? What are the limits and problems of the Western modes of thinking about gender and violence in the Middle East? How can we better understand the various gendered violence practices associated with the region without reproducing Orientalist and racist discourses? Throughout the semester, we will use historical and ethnographic texts, films and documentaries, fictive and journalistic writing to address these questions from an interdisciplinary perspective. Course material will engage with a variety of issues, including honor killings, female "circumcision" controversy, LGBT issues, and military masculinity, in contexts ranging from Turkey to Palestine/Israel, and Lebanon to Algeria.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades  
**Career:** Undergraduate  
**Course Components:** Lecture Required  
**Also offered as:** ANTH 451, GWS 451  
**Co-convened with:** MENA 551  
**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring  
**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

**MENA 451A: Ancient Egypt: Culture and Language** (3 units)

**Description:** This class will provide an examination of the culture of ancient Egypt through an introduction to selected cultural themes as well as the study of selected hieroglyphic inscriptions and texts.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades  
**Career:** Undergraduate  
**Course Components:** Lecture Required  
**Equivalent to:** CLAS 451A, HUMS 452, HUMS 452A, MENA 451A, NES 451A  
**Also offered as:** CLAS 451A  
**Course typically offered:** Fall  
**Home department:** Classics  
**Honors Course:** Honors Contract  
**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

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MENA 451B: Ancient Egypt: Archeology and Language (3 units)
Description: This class will provide an examination of the culture of ancient Egypt through an introduction to selected archeological methods and approaches, as well as the study of selected hieroglyphic inscriptions and texts. Although a continuation of 451A, 451A is not prerequisite or needed for 451B, which will cover different material.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: ANTH 451B, CLAS 451B
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Classics
Honors Course: Honors Contract
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

MENA 452: Israeli Women (3 units)
Description: This course explores themes that include women in Judaism, women in Zionism, women in Yishuv, and women in the Palmah generation. Areas receiving special attention include women in Israeli law, religion, the army and the Kibbutz.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: GWS 452, NES 452
Also offered as: GWS 452, JUS 452
Co-convened with: NES 552
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 453: Advanced Hebrew (3 units)
Description: Advanced instruction in Biblical and/or Rabbinic Hebrew language and literature.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.
Equivalent to: NES 453
Also offered as: JUS 453
Co-convened with: NES 553
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Recommendations and additional information: JUS 409B or consent of instructor.
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
**MENA 454: Structure of a Middle Eastern Language** (3 units)

**Description:** This course examines the grammatical structure, linguistic usage, and sociolinguistic status of a particular language from the Near East. The language covered changes each year, but may include varieties of Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, and other languages of the region.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 454

**Also offered as:** LING 454

**Co-convened with:** NES 554

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Recommendations and additional information:** LING 201 or a year of study in the language for undergraduates. LING 300 or LING 315 are recommended but not required.

**Home department:** Linguistics

**MENA 456: Jews of the Islamic World in the Modern Period (1840-Present)** (3 units)

**Description:** The course objectives are (1) to introduce students to the world of the Jewish communities in Islamic countries and (2) to acquaint students with the culture and history of Jewish communities of the Islamic world and the characteristics of Middle Eastern and North African Judaism.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** JUS 456, RELI 456

**Also offered as:** JUS 456, RELI 456

**Co-convened with:** NES 556

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

**MENA 458: International Opinion Writing** (3 units)

**Description:** This class explores the role and purpose of editorial and opinion writing and the process of writing opinion pieces about international issues and events, with an emphasis on the Middle East and Muslim world, from Morocco to Indonesia.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** JOUR 458

**Co-convened with:** NES 558

**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

**Home department:** School of Journalism
MENA 459A: Turkey: Culture, Power and History (3 units)
Description: Question of East and West through study of Turkey: emergence of Turkey from
Ottoman Empire; social, political, religious and economic reforms; modernization of institutions;
identity; politics of history; gender; nationalism; development; liberalization; globalization.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 459A, NES 459A
Also offered as: ANTH 459A, HIST 459A
Co-convened with: ANTH 559A
Course typically offered: Spring
Recommendations and additional information: Junior or senior standing, or consent of
instructor.
Honors Course: Honors Contract

MENA 463: Gender Issues and Women's Literature in the Middle East (3 units)
Description: This course introduces Middle Eastern women's issues through a critical reading
of literary works written by women in the major languages of the Near East (Arabic, Hebrew,
Persian, and Turkish) that are available in translation. Readings include poetry, short stories,
and novels all analyzed within their social context.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: CCLS 463, GWS 463
Also offered as: GWS 463
Co-convened with: NES 563
Course typically offered: Fall

MENA 465: International Politics of the Middle East (3 units)
Description: This course is designed to introduce you to the international politics of the Middle
East and therefore, provides a general overview of some of the main issues of contemporary
Middle Eastern Politics.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 465
Also offered as: POL 465
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: School of Government and Public Policy
MENA 466: The Middle Eastern City and Islamic Urbanism (3 units)
Description: Examines the physical and socioeconomic characteristics of the city in the Middle East and North Africa; the Islamic city model, the traditional and contemporary bazaar and medina, urban evolution and transformation.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: GEOG 466
Also offered as: GEOG 466
Co-convened with: MENA 566
Course typically offered: Fall
Recommendations and additional information: NES/MENA 277A and NES/MENA 277B or consent of instructor.

MENA 471: Iranian Cinema, Gender Issues, and Social Change (3 units)
Description: Iran has been lauded as one of the great exporters of cinema during the last two decades. During this time, Iranian films have won countless international awards and enjoyed great reviews. Through the analysis of movies, the history of Iranian cinema, cinematic criticism, and historical texts, this course helps students understand the process of social change in that society and the ways such changes influence the production of art. Students watch a variety of movies and read analytical and theoretical writings on cinema all placed in their social and historical contexts. Particular attention will be paid to issues such as gender, modernization, nationalism, class struggle, and ideological enunciations. The course will try to conceptualize past cinematic movements in order to understand how Iranian cinema has gained its current status. Assignments include weekly reports on the movies and readings, class participation, and a term paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: GWS 471, PRS 471
Co-convened with: MENA 571
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

MENA 472: History of Medieval India (3 units)
Description: Survey of Indian history from the 7th century to 1750.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 472, ORS 472
Also offered as: HIST 472
Co-convened with: NES 572
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: History
MENA 473: History of Modern India and Pakistan: 1750-Present (3 units)
Description: Survey of political, social and economic developments in South Asia from the mid-18th century to the present. Writing emphasis for India-Pakistan specialization.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 473, ORS 473
Also offered as: HIST 473
Co-convened with: NES 573
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: History
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

MENA 474: Archaeometry: Scientific Methods in Art and Archaeology (3 units)
Description: Critical survey of scientific methods used in archaeology and art history. Emphasis on the potential and limitations of these techniques for reconstructing human behavior.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: CLAS 474, NES 474
Also offered as: ANTH 474, CLAS 474
Co-convened with: NES 574
Course typically offered: Spring
Recommendations and additional information: ANTH 304 or equivalent.
Home department: School of Anthropology

MENA 479: The Ottoman Empire to 1800 (3 units)
Description: History of Ottoman Empire from its origins through the direct Western European impact, focusing on the political and social history of the empire in Europe and Asia.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 479, ORS 479
Also offered as: HIST 479
Co-convened with: NES 579
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: History
**MENA 480: The Middle East in the Twentieth Century** (3 units)

**Description:** The modern Middle East in the age of imperialism, world wars, state formation, decolonization, and Islamic resistance.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** HIST 480

**Also offered as:** HIST 480

**Co-convened with:** MENA 580

**Course typically offered:** Fall

**Recommendations and additional information:** NES/MENA 277B or consent of instructor.

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course

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**MENA 484: History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1800 to Present** (3 units)

**Description:** Origins of Zionism, and Palestinian and other Arab nationalisms from the nineteenth century and the post-1948 Arab-Israel state conflict in the Cold War era.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** HIST 484, POL 484

**Also offered as:** HIST 484, POL 484

**Co-convened with:** NES 584

**Course typically offered:** Spring

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**Description:** This course examines the history of the Iranian plateau from the rise and spread of Islam until the establishment of the Safavid Empire (1501). Thematically, it focuses on the impact of geography and the environment on social and political history; the conversion and Islamicization of local populations; the proliferation of communities and institutions of Islamic knowledge; the development of Persian Sufi literature and brotherhoods; state legitimization through the patronage of literature, court chronicles, and art; the rise of Shi‘i messianic movements; and the role of women at court and in society.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** HIST 485A

**Co-convened with:** NES 585A

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Home department:** History
**MENA 485B**: Social, Cultural and Political History of Iranian Plateau: 7th Century - Present (3 units)

**Description**: The Iranian plateau in the modern era of western imperialism and nationalistic Islamic responses.

**Grading basis**: Regular Grades

**Career**: Undergraduate

**Course Components**: Lecture Required

**Equivalent to**: HIST 485B

**Also offered as**: HIST 485B

**Co-convened with**: HIST 585B

**Course typically offered**: Spring

**Recommendations and additional information**: NES 277A, NES 277B or consent of instructor.

**Home department**: History

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**MENA 488**: History of Byzantium (3 units)

**Description**: Political, social and cultural history of Byzantium from A.D. 325 to 1453, including the Byzantine legacy in Europe and the Middle East.

**Grading basis**: Regular Grades

**Career**: Undergraduate

**Course Components**: Lecture Required

**Equivalent to**: CLAS 488, NES 488, RELI 488

**Also offered as**: CLAS 488, HIST 488, RELI 488

**Co-convened with**: NES 588

**Course typically offered**: Spring

**Home department**: History

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**MENA 490**: Women in Middle Eastern Society (3 units)

**Description**: Middle Eastern society viewed from the perspective of women. Examines the extent to which formal definitions of women's nature and roles coincide with women's self-images and activities.

**Grading basis**: Regular Grades

**Career**: Undergraduate

**Course Components**: Lecture Required

**Equivalent to**: ANTH 490, GWS 490, ORS 490

**Also offered as**: ANTH 490, GWS 490

**Co-convened with**: NES 590

**Course typically offered**: Fall

**Writing Emphasis**: Writing Emphasis Course

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**May Be Offered** Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 491: Preceptorship (1 - 3 units)
Description: Specialized work on an individual basis, consisting of instruction and practice in actual service in a department, program, or discipline. Teaching formats may include seminars, in-depth studies, laboratory work and patient study.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 11 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 493: Internship (1 - 6 units)
Description: Specialized work on an individual basis, consisting of training and practice in actual service in a technical, business, or governmental establishment.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 11 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Student Engagement Activity: Professional Development
Student Engagement Competency: Professionalism

MENA 494: Practicum (1 - 3 units)
Description: The practical application, on an individual basis, of previously studied theory and the collection of data for future theoretical interpretation.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 495E: Struggle and Survival: Modern Mid East and North Africa, c. 1850 - Present (3 units)
Description: The exchange of scholarly information and/or secondary research, usually in a small group setting. Instruction often includes lectures by several different persons. Research projects may or may not be required of course registrants.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Colloquium Required
Equivalent to: NES 495E
Also offered as: HIST 495E
Co-convened with: NES 595E
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: History

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May Be Offered: Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 496B: Special Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Studies (3 units)
Description: The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.
Grading basis: Student Option ABCDE/PF
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 5 times.
Co-convened with: MENA 596B
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 496C: The Literature of Identity in the Modern Middle East (3 units)
Description: The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Equivalent to: GWS 496C, NES 496C
Also offered as: GWS 496C, HIST 496C
Co-convened with: NES 596C
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: History

MENA 496D: The Late Ottoman Empire (3 units)
Description: This course explores the history of the end of the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East and the Balkans. Three approaches constitute the organizational framework. The first provides the chronological overview of Ottoman history necessary to see the last 150 years of the empire in perspective and in detail. The second explores a variety of topics chosen to highlight some of the broader transformations of the period. The third revolves around the problematic notion of the Ottoman historical legacy in the post-Ottoman era.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Also offered as: HIST 496D
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
MENA 496F: Media Coverage of International Crises (3 units)
Description: How international media cover conflicts and other humanitarian crises, focusing on the Arab/Muslim world. Understanding of the business and culture of global news organizations.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Flat Fee: $26
Course Components: Seminar Required
Equivalent to: NES 496F
Also offered as: JOUR 496F
Co-convened with: MENA 596F
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Home department: School of Journalism

MENA 496G: Islamic Law and Society (3 units)
Description: This course focuses on Islamic Law and Society, topics such as the life and teachings of Muhammad, political and theological controversies, and the classical tradition of Islam.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Equivalent to: RELI 496G
Also offered as: RELI 496G
Co-convened with: NES 596G
Course typically offered: Spring

MENA 496S: Colonialism and the Critique of Modernity (3 units)
Description: What modernity is and how it came about have long been hotly contested questions. The relationship between modernity and colonialism has often been central in these debates. The course considers this relationship by investigating how intellectuals in colonized lands have understood and critiqued modernity in comparison with Western theories.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Undergraduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Equivalent to: HIST 496S
Also offered as: HIST 496S, POL 496S
Co-convened with: NES 596S
Course typically offered: Spring
**MENA 496W: Feminist Approaches in the Bible** (3 units)

**Description:** The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Seminar Required

**Equivalent to:** GWS 496W, NES 496W, RELI 496W

**Also offered as:** GWS 496W, JUS 496W, RELI 496W

**Co-convened with:** NES 596W

**Course typically offered:** Spring

**Home department:** Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

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**MENA 498: Senior Capstone** (1 - 3 units)

**Description:** This course is a culminating experience and requirement for MENAS majors. In a weekly seminar students work with mutual support and the guidance of the instructor on the revision of a paper written for a past MENAS course. Students are expected to expand their papers into an 18-20 page research paper that draws on primary sources. Students should choose a paper for this purpose that is strongly connected to their concentration within the major. Students who are concentrating in Language and Culture are expected to utilize some original language source material for their revised papers. The resulting papers will be submitted for evaluation to the instructor and presented to an audience of students and faculty. Students are also required to submit a 400-500 word reflective essay on their course of study and intellectual development in the MENAS major. Enrollment in this course requires senior standing.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Independent Study Required

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

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**MENA 498H: Honors Thesis** (3 units)

**Description:** An honors thesis is required of all the students graduating with honors. Students ordinarily sign up for this course as a two-semester sequence. The first semester the student performs research under the supervision of a faculty member; the second semester the student writes an honors thesis.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Undergraduate

**Course Components:** Independent Study Required

**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated for a maximum of 9 units.

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

**Enrollment requirement:** Student must be active in the Honors College.

**Honors Course:** Honors Course

**Writing Emphasis:** Writing Emphasis Course
MENA 499: Independent Study (1 - 5 units)
**Description:** Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
**Grading basis:** Alternative Grading: S, P, F
**Career:** Undergraduate
**Course Components:** Independent Study Required
**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 499H: Honors Independent Study (1 - 5 units)
**Description:** Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.
**Grading basis:** Regular Grades
**Career:** Undergraduate
**Course Components:** Independent Study Required
**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring
**Enrollment requirement:** Student must be active in the Honors College.
**Honors Course:** Honors Course

MENA 500: Topics of Egyptology (3 units)
**Description:** This course will survey both the historical development of Egyptology and the archaeological, art historical, literary and other methodologies utilized by this discipline. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings.
**Grading basis:** Regular Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Lecture Required
**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 3 times.
**Equivalent to:** NES 500
**Also offered as:** ANTH 500, CLAS 500
**Co-convened with:** MENA 400
**Course typically offered:** Spring
**Home department:** Classics

MENA 502A: Economic History of the Islamic World (3 units)
**Description:** An introduction to the economic history of the Islamic world from the seventh century to the present day. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings, lead one class discussion by presenting an analysis of the readings, preparing a written outline and discussion questions, and to use primary historical sources in their papers.
**Grading basis:** Regular Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Lecture Required
**Equivalent to:** HIST 502A
**Also offered as:** HIST 502A
**Co-convened with:** NES 402A
**Course typically offered:** Fall

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**May Be Offered** Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 503: Art and Architecture of the Islamic World (3 units)
Description: Principal achievements in Islamic architecture 680-1600, AD/CE, understand the achievements in social/cultural contexts, become familiar with vocabulary and basic methodologies of the field, and consider historical evolution of our knowledge and understanding of this architecture. Graduate-level requirements include a 6-10 page comparative essay on a set group of readings designed for each group.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ARC 503, ARH 503
Also offered as: ARC 503, ARH 503
Co-convened with: NES 403
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 505: Classical Aramaic (3 units)
Description: This course covers the fundamentals of Standard Literary or Imperial Aramaic grammar, deals with the place of Aramaic within the Semitic languages, and introduces the student to texts in a few Aramaic dialects. The course emphasizes grammar and reading comprehension. Graduate-level requirements include a 10-page written research paper on Aramaic dialectology.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: JUS 505
Co-convened with: MENA 405
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Recommendations and additional information: Students wishing to enroll in this course must have completed two years of Modern Hebrew or one year of Biblical Hebrew. Students lacking these prerequisites must secure the instructor's permission to enroll in this course.
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 508A: Islamic Movements in the Contemporary Muslim World (3 units)
Description: The course’s objectives are (1) to acquaint students with traditional literature and contemporary research on Islamic movements, and 2) to introduce students to the historical and ideological basis of an emerging globalized political Islam. Graduate-level requirements include a 12 page student essay and final paper 25-30 pages.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: ANTH 508A, HIST 508A, POL 508A, RELI 508A
Co-convened with: NES 408A
Course typically offered: Fall
MENA 509A: Biblical Hebrew: Prose Texts (3 - 4 units)
Description: Study of Biblical Hebrew grammar and literature: Prose texts. Graduate-level requirements include additional extensive readings.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 509A
Also offered as: JUS 509A
Co-convened with: MENA 409A
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Special Exam: Special Exam Credit Only

MENA 509B: Biblical Hebrew: Poetry (3 - 4 units)
Description: Study of Biblical Hebrew grammar and literature: Poetry. Graduate-level requirements include additional extensive readings.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 509B
Also offered as: JUS 509B
Co-convened with: MENA 409B
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
Special Exam: Special Exam Credit Only

MENA 517A: North African Societies: History, Culture & Politics (3 units)
Description: The objectives are to highlight the thematic, theoretical, and methodological approaches and contributions in the field of North African studies and to underline the relationship, continuities, and discontinuities between the colonial past and postcolonial realities. Graduate-level requirements include a 12 page bibliographic essay and a 25 page final paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: ANTH 517A, HIST 517A, POL 517A
Co-convened with: NES 417A
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 518: Historiography: The Annals of the Arab Israeli Conflict (3 units)
Description: This course in the historiography of the Arab Israeli Conflict will engage in a comparative analysis of the various Israeli approaches with those of their Palestinian counterparts. The course analyzes what has been learned about history, the writing of history, and how that informs the various approaches to the understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Graduate level requirements include an extended classroom presentation and a longer, more sophisticated term paper. Graduate students will meet with the instructor prior to their presentation and prior to completing the term paper, and will provide leadership in the classroom as appropriate to their University standing.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: HIST 518, JUS 518, POL 518
Co-convened with: MENA 418
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 530A: Language and Society in the Middle East (3 units)
Description: Explores the social and linguistic aspects of the languages and cultures of Middle Eastern countries with the central goal of introducing students to the correlation between social and linguistic variables from a contemporary sociolinguistic perspective. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and meeting with the instructor biweekly to discuss the readings of which written critiques will be submitted.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: ANTH 530A, LING 530A, SLAT 530A
Also offered as: ANTH 530A, LING 530A, SLAT 530A
Co-convened with: NES 430A
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 535: Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism (3 units)
Description: Surveys the ideology, symbolism, and major themes of Jewish mysticism as evidenced in several prominent mystical texts. The core of this course will be reading the texts in English translation and the development of skills in reading and understanding a Jewish mystical text. Graduate-level requirements include a substantial research paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 535
Also offered as: JUS 535, RELI 535
Co-convened with: MENA 435
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
MENA 538: The Book of Psalms (3 units)
Description: The characteristic features of Hebrew poetry. The literary development of these writings and their function in the Israelite cult. Examples of biblical poetry outside the book of Psalms also considered. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and a substantial research paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 538, RELI 538
Also offered as: JUS 538, RELI 538
Co-convened with: NES 438
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 541: Arab-Israeli Conflict (3 units)
Description: Traces the birth and growth of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1948 with particular attention to the internal impediments to conflict resolution on both the Arab and Israeli sides. Also surveys the role of the Great Powers in Middle East politics generally. Graduate-level requirements include an additional research paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 541
Also offered as: POL 541
Co-convened with: NES 441
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Home department: School of Government and Public Policy

MENA 544: Islamic Mysticism (3 units)
Description: Origin and development of Sufism and its impact on Muslim and non-Muslim worlds.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Discussion May Be Offered
Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 544, RELI 544
Also offered as: HIST 544, RELI 544
Co-convened with: NES 444
Course typically offered: Spring
**MENA 545: Women in Islamic History** (3 units)

**Description:** Examination of the roles women have played throughout Islamic history and of the changing discourse in the Islamic community about women and their roles. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and meetings with the instructor and an additional research paper.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** GWS 545, NES 545

**Also offered as:** GWS 545, HIST 545

**Co-convened with:** MENA 445

**Course typically offered:** Fall

**Home department:** History

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**MENA 548: Arabic Literature in English Translation** (3 units)

**Description:** Overview of classical Arabic literature; pre-Islamic era to Abbasid periods. Explore artistic poetic characteristics of each of these periods and their most important genres. Examine political, social, intellectual and religious environments in the emergence of these four distinctive literatures. Graduate-level requirements include three major exams, an additional paper and presentation.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Also offered as:** ARB 548

**Co-convened with:** MENA 448

**Course typically offered:** Fall

**Home department:** Arabic
MENA 551: Gender and Violence in the Middle East (3 units)
Description: The Middle East region is often portrayed as a patriarchal, misogynist, and violent place in Western discourse. Terror, violence against women, and honor killings are increasingly popular topics of popular and academic interest in the region. Approaching these issues from a critical perspective this class seeks to answer: What are the power dynamics of gender relations in the Middle East? What are the gendered contours of the different forms of collective violence in the region? What are the limits and problems of the Western modes of thinking about gender and violence in the Middle East? How can we better understand the various gendered violence practices associated with the region without reproducing Orientalist and racist discourses? Throughout the semester, we will use historical and ethnographic texts, films and documentaries, fictive and journalistic writing to address these questions from an interdisciplinary perspective. Course material will engage with a variety of issues, including honor killings, female "circumcision" controversy, LGBT issues, and military masculinity, in contexts ranging from Turkey to Palestine/Israel, and Lebanon to Algeria. Graduate Students are expected to read additional texts, write additional reading responses, and will write a 20 page research paper which will be worth 40% of the final grade.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: ANTH 551, GWS 551
Co-convened with: MENA 451
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

MENA 552: Israeli Women (3 units)
Description: This course explores themes that include women in Judaism, women in Zionism, women in Yishuv, and women in the Palmah generation. Areas receiving special attention include women in Israeli law, religion, the army and the Kibbutz. Graduate-level requirements include a more detailed research paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 1 times.
Equivalent to: GWS 552, NES 552
Also offered as: GWS 552, JUS 552
Co-convened with: MENA 452
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies
MENA 553: Advanced Hebrew (3 units)
Description: Advanced instruction in Biblical and/or Rabbinic Hebrew language and literature. Graduate-level requirements include additional meeting times and additional reading and writing assignments.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.
Equivalent to: NES 553
Also offered as: JUS 553
Co-convened with: MENA 453
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Recommendations and additional information: JUS 509B or consent of instructor.
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 554: Structure of a Middle Eastern Language (3 units)
Description: This course examines the grammatical structure, linguistic usage, and sociolinguistic status of a particular language from the Near East. The language covered changes each year, but may include varieties of Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, and other languages of the region. Graduate-level requirements include a longer, more in-depth paper and presentation.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 554
Also offered as: LING 554
Co-convened with: MENA 454
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Home department: Linguistics

MENA 556: Jews of the Islamic World in the Modern Period (1840-Present) (3 units)
Description: The course objectives are (1) to introduce students to the world of the Jewish communities in Islamic countries and (2) to acquaint students with the culture and history of Jewish communities of the Islamic world and the characteristics of Middle Eastern and North African Judaism. Graduate-level requirements include biography review of 10-15 pages.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: JUS 556, RELI 556
Also offered as: JUS 556, RELI 556
Co-convened with: NES 456
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

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May Be Offered: Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 558: International Opinion Writing (3 units)
Description: This class explores the role and purpose of editorial and opinion writing and the process of writing opinion pieces about international issues and events, with an emphasis on the Middle East and Muslim world, from Morocco to Indonesia. Graduate-level requirements include reading additional materials, meeting with professor weekly about theoretical issues or to examine international news items in more depth, Student Analysis Paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: JOUR 558
Co-convened with: MENA 458
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Home department: School of Journalism

MENA 559A: Turkey: Culture, Power and History (3 units)
Description: Question of East and West through study of Turkey: emergence of Turkey from Ottoman Empire; social, political, religious and economic reforms; modernization of institutions; identity; politics of history; gender; nationalism; development; liberalization; globalization. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings, course presentations, and a 20-page research paper with a prospectus.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: HIST 559A, NES 559A
Also offered as: ANTH 559A, HIST 559A
Co-convened with: ANTH 459A
Course typically offered: Spring

MENA 563: Gender Issues and Women’s Literature in the Middle East (3 units)
Description: This course introduces Middle Eastern women's issues through a critical reading of literary works written by women in the major languages of the Near East (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish) that are available in translation. Readings include poetry, short stories, and novels all analyzed within their social context. Graduate-level requirements include additional reading from the suggested bibliography, longer written papers, an oral presentation and bi-weekly meeting with instructor. Theoretical issues will be addressed and presented in additional material.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: CCLS 563, GWS 563
Also offered as: GWS 563
Co-convened with: NES 463
Course typically offered: Fall

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 566: The Middle Eastern City and Islamic Urbanism (3 units)
Description: Examines the physical and socioeconomic characteristics of the city in the Middle East and North Africa; the Islamic city model, the traditional and contemporary bazaar and medina, urban evolution and transformation. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and completion of an original research paper on an approved topic.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: GEOG 566
Also offered as: GEOG 566
Co-convened with: MENA 466
Course typically offered: Fall

MENA 571: Iranian Cinema, Gender Issues, and Social Change (3 units)
Description: Iran has been lauded as one of the great exporters of cinema during the last two decades. During this time, Iranian films have won countless international awards and enjoyed great reviews. Through the analysis of movies, the history of Iranian cinema, cinematic criticism, and historical texts, this course helps students understand the process of social change in that society and the ways such changes influence the production of art. Students watch a variety of movies and read analytical and theoretical writings on cinema all placed in their social and historical contexts. Particular attention will be paid to issues such as gender, modernization, nationalism, class struggle, and ideological enunciations. The course will try to conceptualize past cinematic movements in order to understand how Iranian cinema has gained its current status. Assignments include weekly reports on the movies and readings, class participation, and a term paper. Graduate Students are encouraged to give a short presentation (10 to 20 minutes), preferably on the topic of their paper. Graduate students must also write a 17-20 page research paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Also offered as: GWS 571, PRS 571
Co-convened with: MENA 471
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

MENA 572: History of Medieval India (3 units)
Description: Survey of Indian history from the 7th century to 1750. Graduate-level requirements include additional research or writing. See instructor for details.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 572, ORS 572
Also offered as: HIST 572
Co-convened with: MENA 472
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: History

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 573: History of Modern India and Pakistan: 1750-Present (3 units)
Description: Survey of political, social and economic developments in South Asia from the mid-18th century to the present. Writing emphasis for India-Pakistan specialization. Graduate-level requirements include additional research or writing; see instructor for details.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 573, ORS 573
Also offered as: HIST 573
Co-convened with: MENA 473
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: History

MENA 574: Archaeometry: Scientific Methods in Art and Archaeology (3 units)
Description: Critical survey of scientific methods used in archaeology and art history. Emphasis on the potential and limitations of these techniques for reconstructing human behavior. Graduate-level requirements include one substantial critical review of the literature on some archaeological application of archaeometry.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: CLAS 574, MSE 574, NES 574
Also offered as: ANTH 574, CLAS 574, MSE 574
Co-convened with: MENA 474
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: School of Anthropology

MENA 579: The Ottoman Empire to 1800 (3 units)
Description: History of Ottoman Empire from its origins through the direct Western European impact, focusing on the political and social history of the empire in Europe and Asia. Graduate-level requirements include an in-depth research paper.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Equivalent to: NES 579
Also offered as: HIST 579
Co-convened with: MENA 479
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: History

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
**MENA 580: The Middle East in the Twentieth Century** (3 units)
**Description:** The modern Middle East in the age of imperialism, world wars, state formation, decolonization, and Islamic resistance. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings on selected topics and an extensive research paper.
**Grading basis:** Regular Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Lecture Required
**Equivalent to:** HIST 580
**Also offered as:** HIST 580
**Co-convened with:** NES 480
**Course typically offered:** Fall

**MENA 584: History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1800 to Present** (3 units)
**Description:** Origins of Zionism, and Palestinian and other Arab nationalisms from the nineteenth century and the post-1948 Arab-Israel state conflict in the Cold War era. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and an extensive research paper.
**Grading basis:** Regular Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Lecture Required
**Equivalent to:** HIST 584
**Also offered as:** HIST 584
**Co-convened with:** NES 484
**Course typically offered:** Spring
(3 units)

**Description:** This course examines the history of the Iranian plateau from the rise and spread of Islam until the establishment of the Safavid Empire (1501). Thematically, it focuses on the impact of geography and the environment on social and political history; the conversion and Islamicization of local populations; the proliferation of communities and institutions of Islamic knowledge; the development of Persian Sufi literature and brotherhoods; state legitimization through the patronage of literature, court chronicles, and art; the rise of Shi’i messianic movements; and the role of women at court and in society. This course examines the history of the Iranian plateau from the rise and spread of Islam until the establishment of the Safavid Empire (1501). Thematically, it focuses on the impact of geography and the environment on social and political history; the conversion and Islamicization of local populations; the proliferation of communities and institutions of Islamic knowledge; the development of Persian Sufi literature and brotherhoods; state legitimization through the patronage of literature, court chronicles, and art; the rise of Shi’i messianic movements; and the role of women at court and in society. Graduate-level requirements include a the final paper 20-25 pages including 15-20 sources. You are expected to write a historiographical paper that engages seriously with the secondary literature.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades  
**Career:** Graduate  
**Course Components:** Lecture Required  
**Also offered as:** HIST 585A  
**Co-convened with:** MENA 485A  
**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring  
**Home department:** History

**MENA 585B: Social, Cultural and Political History of Iranian Plateau: 7th Century - Present**  
(3 units)

**Description:** The Iranian plateau in the modern era of western imperialism and nationalistic Islamic responses. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and an extensive research paper.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades  
**Career:** Graduate  
**Course Components:** Lecture Required  
**Equivalent to:** HIST 585B  
**Also offered as:** HIST 585B  
**Co-convened with:** MENA 485B  
**Course typically offered:** Spring  
**Home department:** History
**MENA 588: History of Byzantium** (3 units)

**Description:** Political, social and cultural history of Byzantium from A.D. 325 to 1453, including the Byzantine legacy in Europe and the Middle East. Graduate-level requirements include an additional term paper.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** CLAS 588, NES 588, RELI 588

**Also offered as:** CLAS 588, HIST 588, RELI 588

**Co-convened with:** MENA 488

**Course typically offered:** Spring

**Home department:** History

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**MENA 590: Women in Middle Eastern Society** (3 units)

**Description:** Middle Eastern society viewed from the perspective of women. Examines the extent to which formal definitions of women's nature and roles coincide with women's self-images and activities. Graduate-level requirements include an additional paper.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Lecture Required

**Equivalent to:** ANTH 590, GWS 590, ORS 590

**Also offered as:** ANTH 590, GWS 590

**Co-convened with:** NES 490

**Course typically offered:** Fall

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**MENA 593: Internship** (1 - 3 units)

**Description:** Specialized work on an individual basis, consisting of training and practice in actual service in a technical, business, or governmental establishment.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grading: S, P, F

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Independent Study Required

**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

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**MENA 594: Practicum** (1 - 3 units)

**Description:** The practical application, on an individual basis, of previously studied theory and the collection of data for future theoretical interpretation.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grading: S, P, F

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Independent Study Required

**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
MENA 595D: Middle East (3 units)
Description: The exchange of scholarly information and/or secondary research, usually in a small group setting. Instruction often includes lectures by several different persons. Research projects may or may not be required of course registrants.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Colloquium Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 595E: Struggle and Survival: Modern Mid East and North Africa, c. 1850 - Present (3 units)
Description: The exchange of scholarly information and/or secondary research, usually in a small group setting. Instruction often includes lectures by several different persons. Research projects may or may not be required of course registrants.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Colloquium Required
Equivalent to: NES 595E, WS 595E
Also offered as: HIST 595E
Co-convened with: MENA 495E
Course typically offered: Fall
Home department: History

MENA 596B: Special Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Studies (3 units)
Description: The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 5 times.
Co-convened with: NES 496B
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring
MENA 596C: The Literature of Identity in the Modern Middle East (3 units)

**Description:** The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Seminar Required

**Equivalent to:** GWS 596C, NES 596C

**Also offered as:** GWS 596C, HIST 596C

**Co-convened with:** MENA 496C

**Course typically offered:** Spring

**Home department:** History

MENA 596D: The Late Ottoman Empire (3 units)

**Description:** This course explores the history of the end of the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East and the Balkans. Three approaches constitute the organizational framework. The first provides the chronological overview of Ottoman history necessary to see the last 150 years of the empire in perspective and in detail. The second explores a variety of topics chosen to highlight some of the broader transformations of the period. The third revolves around the problematic notion of the Ottoman historical legacy in the post-Ottoman era.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Course Components:** Seminar Required

**Also offered as:** HIST 596D

**Course typically offered:** Fall and Spring

MENA 596F: Media Coverage of International Crises (3 units)

**Description:** How international media cover conflicts and other humanitarian crises, focusing on the Arab/Muslim world. Understanding of the business and culture of global news organizations. Graduate-level requirements include more extensive research and papers.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades

**Career:** Graduate

**Flat Fee:** $26

**Course Components:** Seminar Required

**Equivalent to:** NES 596F

**Also offered as:** JOUR 596F

**Co-convened with:** MENA 496F

**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

**Home department:** School of Journalism
MENA 596G: Islamic Law and Society (3 units)
Description: This course focuses on Islamic Law and Society, topics such as the life and teachings of Muhammad, political and theological controversies, and the classical tradition of Islam. Graduate-level requirements include at least one in-class presentation of the assigned readings for the week, including distribution of an outline and active leading of subsequent discussion.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Also offered as: LAW 596G, RELI 596G
Co-convened with: NES 496G
Course typically offered: Spring

MENA 596H: Shi'ism (3 units)
Description: This graduate seminar explores the rich legal, theological, and political traditions of Shi'ism.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Lecture Required
Course typically offered: Fall

MENA 596M: Middle East: Topics in History and Civilization (3 units)
Description: The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 11 times.
Also offered as: HIST 596M
Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

MENA 596Q: Qur'anic Studies (3 units)
Description: This graduate seminar examines the contents of the Qur'an, the classical tradition of Qur'anic exegesis (tafsir), and the works of modern commentators. Arabic proficiency is not a prerequisite.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Also offered as: RELI 596Q
Course typically offered: Fall
MENA 596S: Colonialism and the Critique of Modernity (3 units)
Description: What modernity is and how it came about have long been hotly contested questions. The relationship between modernity and colonialism has often been central in these debates. The course considers this relationship by investigating how intellectuals in colonized lands have understood and critiqued modernity in comparison with Western theories. Graduate-level requirements include reading secondary articles, a five-page paper for discussion, lead weekly readings, a more substantial final paper.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Equivalent to: HIST 596S
Also offered as: HIST 596S, POL 596S
Co-convened with: NES 496S
Course typically offered: Spring

MENA 596W: Feminist Approaches in the Bible (3 units)
Description: The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers.
Grading basis: Alternative Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Seminar Required
Equivalent to: NES 596W, RELI 596W
Also offered as: JUS 596W, RELI 596W
Co-convened with: MENA 496W
Course typically offered: Spring
Home department: Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

MENA 597A: Teaching about the Middle East (3 units)
Description: This course is designed to provide practical assistance to teachers who are planning to develop and teach a Middle East Studies course at their school and/or who wish to add more Middle East content to an already existing Social Studies, English, or Fine Arts class. Educators taking this course will do assignments, choose readings, and create projects related to the grade level and content area that they teach.
Grading basis: Regular Grades
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Workshop Required
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2
Recommendations and additional information: Students with an Undergraduate degree must apply as "Grad non-degree" to enroll in this course.

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**MENA 597B: Field School in Egyptian Archaeology** (1 - 6 units)

**Description:** Archaeological excavation training program that provides an opportunity to engage in all phases of fieldwork. Field techniques include: mapping, remote sensing, trench supervision, and artifact drawing and analysis. Offered on archaeological sites in Egypt or in museums.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades  
**Career:** Graduate  
**Course Components:** Workshop Required  
**Also offered as:** ANTH 597B, ARH 597B, GEOS 597B  
**Course typically offered:** Summer 1  
**Recommendations and additional information:** Application to instructor not later than December 1st. Permission of instructor required. Knowledge of archaeological methods and ancient Egyptian history and culture would be helpful.  
**Home department:** Geosciences

**MENA 599: Independent Study** (1 - 5 units)

**Description:** Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work. Graduate students doing independent work which cannot be classified as actual research will register for credit under course number 599, 699, or 799.

**Grading basis:** Alternative Grading: S, P, F  
**Career:** Graduate  
**Course Components:** Independent Study Required  
**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.  
**Course typically offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

**MENA 640: Gender Issues in Middle Eastern Studies** (3 units)

**Description:** This course offers an overview of theories and methods prevalent in the study of gender in Middle Eastern histories, geographies, languages and literatures.

**Grading basis:** Regular Grades  
**Career:** Graduate  
**Course Components:** Lecture Required  
**Equivalent to:**  
**Also offered as:** GWS 640  
**Course typically offered:** Spring
MENA 695M: **Advanced Studies in Middle Eastern History** (3 units)
**Description:** The exchange of scholarly information and/or secondary research, usually in a small group setting. Instruction often includes lectures by several different persons. Research projects may or may not be required of course registrants.
**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Colloquium Required
**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 11 times.
**Equivalent to:** NES 695M
**Also offered as:** HIST 695M
**Course typically offered:** Fall
**Home department:** History

MENA 696I: **Special Topics: Advanced Islamic Studies** (3 units)
**Description:** The development and exchange of scholarly information, usually in a small group setting. The scope of work shall consist of research by course registrants, with the exchange of the results of such research through discussion, reports, and/or papers. This course prepares students to engage the classical Arabic sources in the core Islamic disciplines of Qur’anic commentaries, Hadith literature, Islamic law, and Sufism.
**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Seminar Required
**Repeatable:** Course can be repeated a maximum of 3 times.
**Course typically offered:** Fall

MENA 696J: **Ethnography of the Middle East: Issues and Methods** (3 units)
**Description:** This course presents an overview of issues in Middle East ethnography and ways in which they have altered over time. The course has a dual focus: to examine key issues in the field of Middle Eastern ethnography, and to provide experience in the development of research projects and writing of grant proposals.
**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Seminar Required
**Equivalent to:** ANTH 696J
**Also offered as:** ANTH 696J
**Course typically offered:** Fall

MENA 696Y: **Nationalism and Islam** (3 units)
**Description:** Theory and research methods seminar exploring political identity formation in the Arab Mid East 19th Century to present especially culture of secular nationalism in the first part of the 20th century and political Islam in the late 20th century. Students will prepare major research paper.
**Grading basis:** Alternative Grades
**Career:** Graduate
**Course Components:** Seminar Required
**Course typically offered:** Spring

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**May Be Offered** Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
**MENA 699: Independent Study** (1 - 3 units)
*Description*: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work. Graduate students doing independent work which cannot be classified as actual research will register for credit under course number 599, 699, or 799.
*Grading basis*: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
*Career*: Graduate
*Course Components*: Independent Study Required
*Repeatable*: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
*Course typically offered*: Spring

**MENA 799: Independent Study** (1 - 6 units)
*Description*: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work. Graduate students doing independent work which cannot be classified as actual research will register for credit under course number 599, 699, or 799.
*Grading basis*: Alternative Grading: S, P, F
*Career*: Graduate
*Course Components*: Independent Study Required
*Repeatable*: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
*Course typically offered*: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

**MENA 900: Research** (2 - 4 units)
*Description*: Individual research, not related to thesis or dissertation preparation, by graduate students.
*Grading basis*: Alternative Grading: S,P,C,D,E
*Career*: Graduate
*Course Components*: Independent Study Required
*Repeatable*: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
*Course typically offered*: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

**MENA 908: Case Studies** (3 units)
*Description*: Individual study of a particular case, or report thereof.
*Grading basis*: Alternative Grading: S,P,E,K
*Career*: Graduate
*Course Components*: Independent Study Required
*Repeatable*: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
*Course typically offered*: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

**MENA 909: Master's Report** (1 - 6 units)
*Description*: Individual study or special project or formal report thereof submitted in lieu of thesis for certain master's degrees.
*Grading basis*: Alternative Grading: S,P,E,K
*Career*: Graduate
*Course Components*: Independent Study Required
*Course typically offered*: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.
MENA 910: Thesis (1 - 6 units)
Description: Research for the master’s thesis (whether library research, laboratory or field observation or research, artistic creation, or thesis writing). Maximum total credit permitted varies with the major department.
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S,P,E,K
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

MENA 920: Dissertation (1 - 9 units)
Description: Research for the doctoral dissertation (whether library research, laboratory or field observation or research, artistic creation, or dissertation writing).
Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S,P,E,K
Career: Graduate
Course Components: Independent Study Required
Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.
Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2