ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Middle East Studies major at the University of Utah is home to a close-knit community of students and faculty dedicated to the study of the Middle East. The program focuses on developing competencies in language, culture, history, and politics and connects students with experiential learning opportunities.

In this major, you will develop descriptive, analytical, and methodological tools to help understand the regions and cultures of the Middle East. With coursework grounded in language, you will gain or expand on your proficiency in Arabic or Persian. You will also select a variety of Middle East-focused classes from across campus. This interdisciplinary approach helps you build a deep knowledge of the region and provides the flexibility to tailor your studies to suit your interests, passions, and future goals; you can pair this major with pre-health courses, a minor, a second major, and/or exciting co-curricular activities.

You will be able to practice your critical language and cultural skills through first-hand experience by studying abroad, taking an intensive language program, and/or partaking in local and national competitions with the Model Arab League. These experiences build foundations for careers in public affairs, foreign service, business, and many other fields. With a degree in Middle East Studies, you will be prepared to effectively interact with diverse populations; understand cultures, backgrounds, and languages; and provide valuable contributions to their communities.

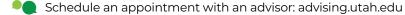
LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Develop or expand proficiency in Arabic or Persian in order to navigate a Middle Eastern nation and communicate with its people.
- Build a base of Middle East-oriented knowledge, skills, and global awareness that equips you for an international career.
- Demonstrate an understanding of history, cultures, politics, and fundamental ideas and institutions of the Middle East.
- Analyze and communicate about contemporary issues of the Middle East and/or Middle Eastern Diasporas through a critical, interdisciplinary lens.

PLAN & PREPARE

At the U, we plan for our students to have an Exceptional Educational Experience identified by four broad categories we call the Learning Framework: Community, Knowledge & Skills, Transformation, and Impact. This major map will help you envision, explore, design, and plan your personalized Exceptional Educational Experience with the Learning Framework at the core. In addition to assisting you in planning your coursework and navigating the requirements of your major, this map will help you incorporate other kinds of experiences to expand your knowledge, support your development, and prepare you for the future you want.

GET STARTED TODAY





Learn more about the Learning Framework: ugs.utah.edu/learning-framework



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MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES



"The University of Utah's Middle East Center and Middle East Studies Program are preeminent. My ability to study Arabic helped me substantially and my courses really refined and focused my skill-set toward Security Studies, specifically Middle East, Caucuses, and Central Asian Security Studies."

>> Matthew Spencer-Kociol Graduate Student, University of St. Andrews, Scotland





MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

- Find different career paths at the Going

workshops, Meet & Eat, & Career Treks

Global Career Panel

- Explore careers through CPDC

- Visit the CPDC⁵

Use this map to explore, envision, design, and plan your Exceptional Educational Experience.

	GETTING STARTED	MAKING PROGRESS		FINISHING UP	WHERE CAN I GO
COURSES	 Take MIDE 1000 – Intro to the Middle East or MIDE 2780 – Religiosity in the Middle East & US Begin language coursework at the 1010 level; check with an advisor if you have previous language experience Participate in the Middle East Club 	 Continue language coursework Take CLAC⁷ courses Take MIDE 4107 - Model Arab League Earn credit through learning abroad or completing a global internship 	 Take Middle East Studies Electives: HIST 3400 - Middle East Since 1914 MIDE 3713 - Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East FILM 3250 - Arab Cinema POLS 3440 - Comparative Politics of the Middle East 	 Complete 5000+ level courses Finish language courses Complete your required Signature Experience 	 AFTER GRADUATION? Banking & Finance Business Operations Campaign Management Consulting Education/Teaching
COMMUNITY	 Attend a club meeting with Middle East Club or Model UN Live on the Go Global Floor Follow U of U Middle East Center on Facebook for events & on Instagram @uofu.ias 	 Apply to live in the Humanities House Join a club & participate consistently Volunteer with the International Rescue Committee or Bennion Center 	 Become a peer mentor or an ambassador for international students with the International Student Scholar Services Office Get involved with the Emerging Leaders Initiative of Utah 	 Get involved with the Alumni Association Apply for leadership within ASUU² or campus clubs Apply to be an Alternative Break Student Site Leader with the Bennion Center 	 Foreign Service Global Health Government/ Politics Health Administration Health Services
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	 Meet with an academic advisor every semester Explore double majors & minors Attend a scholarship workshop Visit the Knowledge Commons in the Marriott Library Work on essays at the Writing Center Select complementary Gen Ed courses 	 Try job shadowing & conduct informational interviews Apply for a local internship through the Hinckley Institute of Politics Meet with the College of Humanities Internship Coordinator Take a research methods course related to your interests 	 Attend an Office of Undergraduate Research Workshop & apply for research opportunities through UROP³ Create your graduation plan Declare a second major or minor if desired Attend Marriott Library workshops 	 Attend or present research at an academic conference Seek mentoring opportunities with professionals Take a test prep course for your graduate school applications (GRE, GMAT, etc.) at Continuing Education & Community Engagement 	 International Business International Development International Education International Law International Relations Law School Legal Services
TRANSFORMATION	 Participate in a Bennion Center Saturday Service Project Utilize faculty office hours Attend a Learning Abroad 101 session Attend Hinckley Forums 	 Go on an Alternative Break or Learning Abroad trip Chat about goal-setting outside of the classroom with your advisor Apply for fellowships (Goff, Sorenson, Sustainability Scholars, etc.) 	 Attend the Learning Abroad Returnee Student Panel Compete in HIP Talks at the Hinckley Institute Identify a faculty mentor Take a Hinckley course — HNKLY 4914 	 Apply for the Oxford Human Rights Consortium Apply for post-grad fellowships Complete a global internship Submit to the <i>Hinckley Journal</i> 	 Marketing & Media Medical School Museums/Public History Non-Profits/Advocacy Peace Corps/Fulbright Public Administration
IMPACT	 Live in the first year Gail Miller Community Engaged Learning Tower Brainstorm a list of topics you care about Connect to campus events & use your ArtsPass Attend MUSE⁴ Casual Fridays 	 Apply to the Bennion Scholars Program Identify a community or topic where you want to make an impact Seek out leadership opportunities through Student Leadership & Involvement 	 Apply to be a MUSE Scholar Work with your faculty mentor on an impact project Connect with a MUSE professor 	 Complete the Bennion Scholars Capstone Apply for Presidential Ambassadorship Become a mentor for other students 	 Security Services Social Services Think Tanks Translation/Interpreting Travel & Tourism
CAREER	- Activate your Handshake account	- Apply for a job on campus	- Speak with your advisor about alumni	- Join AlumniFire	

- Make internship connections with

networkers at the Going Global

- Draft your resume & use walk-in

hours for feedback at CPDC

Career Panel

- Attend the Career Fair

you can connect with

- Meet with a Career Coach

alumni profiles

Career Compass

- Create a LinkedIn Profile & review

- Register for HUM 3960 - Humanities

- Network for career paths & future

job opportunities at the Going

- Attend the Career Conference

- Practice mock interviews

Global Career Panel