

Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MENA)

MENA 260. Peace & Conflict. 3 Hours.

Using the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Lebanese Civil War as case studies, participants will view the conflicts through literature and conflict management texts to understand them within a broader framework. Students will apply a comprehensive approach to understanding conflict and constructing peace through combining the central concepts and findings of modern peace building and conflict management research.

MENA 280. Selected Topics in Middle Eastern & North African Studies. 1 to 4 Hours.

Selected topics in Middle Eastern and North African Studies at the introductory or intermediate level.

MENA 301. Middle Eastern Film. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the diverse cultures of the Middle East through the viewing a series of films that portray aspects such as ideas, customs, and social behaviors of various countries within the Arab world. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

MENA 354. Middle Eastern & North African Studies: An Area Studies Seminar. 3 Hours.

The area studies approach makes sure the political, geographical, historical, anthropological and religious influences of the Middle East/ North African region will be explored throughout the course. The religion of Islam will be explored through its engagement in particular places and spaces. Students will differentiate between how the politics and cultural context of one place directly influence the way Islam is practiced in, for example, the Gulf as opposed to Turkey. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

MENA 380. Special Topics in Middle Eastern & North African Studies. 1 to 4 Hours.

Seminars on selected topics in Middle Eastern and/or North African Studies offered on an occasional basis.

MENA 448. Middle Eastern & North African Studies Senior Capstone. 3 Hours.

The Senior Capstone is designed to help students focus and integrate their knowledge of the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) region. Each student will complete an independent research project focusing on a specific problem or region from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Prerequisite: MENA 354 with a minimum grade of C.