

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 23, 2017**

To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Middle East and Islamic Studies Major

Present

Proposed

The major requirements for the B.A. in Middle East and Islamic Studies are as follows (56 units of required courses):

[no change]

1. Language requirement: 6 courses (24 units)
Students are required to fulfill the language requirement by taking 6 classes in a language in MEIS (Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Hebrew, Urdu) or pass the proficiency requirement by taking a test administered by the department. Currently UCR offers only Arabic but students can take language classes either abroad (i.e. AUC in Cairo, Boğaziçi University in Istanbul) or in other UC campuses (UCLA, Irvine) upon the approval of MEIS director.

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2. Senior Research (4 units): Students must take MEIS 199 or HIST 197 (taken senior year with the prior approval of the instructor or MEIS director)

~~2.~~ Required courses: 3 courses (12 units) (at least one should be taken from area I and one from area II)

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I. Survey courses:

ARLC 155/CPLT 155/MEIS 155/RLST 157,
RLST 111, HIST 121, HIST 124

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ARLC 155/CPLT 155/MEIS 155/RLST 157,
RLST 111, HIST 121, HIST 124

II. Specialized courses

ANTH169/GBST 169, ~~ANTH 168/GSST 168~~,
HIST 125, HIST 126

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ANTH169/GBST 169, GSST 162/ RLST 162,
HIST 125, HIST 126

3. Select ~~five~~ from the elective courses (20 units of elective courses):

Arabic Literatures and Cultures

ARLC 120, ARLC 151/CPLT 151/MEIS 151, ARLC 152/CPLT 152, ARLC 154/CPLT 154/PHIL 128, ARLC 156/CPLT 156/MEIS 156/RLST 156, ARLC 158/CPLT 158/MEIS 158/RLST 158

Anthropology

ANTH 136/SEAS 136, ANTH 140I

Asian Studies

AST 167/CPLT 167/SEAS 167

Comparative Ancient Civilizations

CPAC 121/CLA 121/POSC 121

~~**Creative Writing**~~

~~CWPA 256~~

Economics

ECON 170E

Gender and Sexuality Studies

~~GSST 151/ANTH 188, GSST 109/ANTH 109, GSST 162/RLST 162~~

Global Studies

GBST 191

History

HISE 117, HISE 160

~~**Middle East and Islamic Studies**~~

~~MEIS 199 (taken senior year with the prior approval of the instructor or MEIS director)~~

Media and Cultural Studies

MCS 172

Political Science

POSC 107, POSC 120, POSC 133, POSC 152

4. Select four from the elective courses (16 units of elective courses)

Arabic Literatures and Cultures

[no change]

Anthropology

ANTH 136/SEAS 136, ANTH 140I, ANTH 188/ GSST 151, ANTH 189/ GSST 168, ANTH 109

Asian Studies

[no change]

Comparative Ancient Civilizations

[no change]

Economics

[no change]

Gender and Sexuality Studies

ANTH 109/ GSST 109, ANTH 188/ GSST 151, ANTH 189/ GSST 168, GSST 162/ RLST 162, GSST 169

Global Studies

[no change]

History

HISE 117, HISE 160, HIST 111, HISE 112, HISE 116, HISE 118, HIST 125, HIST 126, HIST 137

Media and Cultural Studies

[no change]

Political Science

[no change]

Religious Studies

RLST 112, RLST 113, RLST 116, RLST 121,
RLST 130, RLST 148, ~~RLST 149/SEAS 149~~

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RLST 112, RLST 113, RLST 116, RLST 121,
RLST 130, RLST 148, RLST 150, RLST 151,
GSST 162/ RLST 162

Theatre, Film, and Digital Production

TFDP 177

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[no change]

Justification:

1. Malay/ Indonesian language is added because it is the language used by Muslim population in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim majority country in the world, and Muslim Malays in part of Southeast Asia.
2. MEIS 199 has been added as a required for the MEIS Major Requirements. Students must receive prior approval of chair and faculty before enrolling in the course. Students will have the opportunity to take the course up to two quarters. The MEIS 199 will require substantial reading, research, and writing of capstone paper or senior thesis.
3. HIST197: Research for Undergraduates has been added as an option alongside MEIS 199. Part of the requirement in taking HIST197 is that the content in the research must relate to content in area of Middle East and Islamic Studies.
4. ANTH 168/ GSST 168 was removed and replaced with GSST 162/ RLST 162
5. The unit requirement for elective courses decrease from 20 units to 16 units. This was designed to keep the major under 56 units' total. Since MEIS will now require MEIS 199 as a required course, we needed to reduce the unit requirement in electives to use for the senior research course.
6. ANTH 188/ GSST 151, ANTH 189/ GSST 168/ ANTH 109 were added to the elective options for Anthropology to add more options for students to take.
7. CWPA 256 course was removed because of the graduate level standing of the course. Many undergraduate students might have difficulties enrolling in this course.
8. ANTH 109/ GSST 109, ANTH 188/ GSST 151 were updated to be in line with the regulations of cross-listed courses to be arranged by alphabetical order.
9. ANTH 189/ GSST 168 was added for options for students to take under Gender and Sexuality Studies.
10. GSST 169: Gender Revolution: Gender and Sexuality in the "Arab Spring" has been added under the Gender and Sexuality Studies elective. The course content is applicable to degree.
11. HISE 112, HISE 116, HISE 118, HIST 125, HIST 126, HIST 137 were added to increase options to use in History elective section.
12. RLST 150, RLST 151, GSST 162/ RLST 162 were added for more options under Religious Studies Electives
13. RLST 149/ SEAS 149 was removed and replaced with RLST 162/ GSST 162.

Approvals

Approved by the faculty in the Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies:
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and
Social Sciences:
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy:

Date

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