



Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

History (3400)



Certificate: History - Middle Eastern Studies (340002C)

The program in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at The University of Akron offers interdisciplinary certificates in Asian Studies (including East, Southeast or South) or Middle Eastern Studies for undergraduates as well as graduate students. The structure of each certificate option provides students the flexibility and opportunity to count certain key courses toward their General Education requirements. Strategic languages of East Asia or the Middle East are required, and a wide range of courses in fields including History, Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Geography, Sociology and Business are offered.

The University of Akron recognizes the importance of a truly global education. Students who complete certificates will find that their courses of study provide them with in-depth training in a special area that may be particularly useful as they pursue careers in academia, law, public history, education, business and even medicine, where they will practice their profession abroad or use their international experience to expand their understandings of these regions as they work with topics on or populations from Asia and the Middle East. Certificates in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies can complement any major in the university and are also appropriate for non-degree students who might like to return to the university for mid-career training.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any of the undergraduate certificate tracks is required. The program strongly encourages study abroad, and will offer additional credits, to be applied toward the certificate, for certain courses that require overseas study in a country of the students focus (Asia, Middle East) or for other individual experiences abroad. Students will also need to take classes in more than two disciplines (i.e., History, Geography, Political Science). Special courses that are not in the permanent bulletin might be offered that may fill a requirement. Students will need to complete the equivalent of a fourth-semester-level language class (a South or East Asian language for the Asian Studies Certificate, or a modern South or East Asian language for a Middle Eastern language for the Middle Eastern Studies Certificate). Students will then complete 15 credits of approved electives for each track. Therefore, students must meet with the director to plan a course of study.

		Credits
3240:360	Ancient N-E Archaeology	3
Select at least one of the following:		
3400:289	World Civ: Middle East	2
3400:307	The Ancient Near East	3
3400:340	Sel T: History	3
3400:341	Islamic Fundamentalism & Revol	3

3400:342	The Crusades through Arab Eyes	3
3400:493	Sp St: North American History	3
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Select at least one of the following:		
3700:392	Sel T: Political Science	1
3700:405	Politics in the Middle East	3
Students must choose remaining credits of electives from History, Political Science or Geography. See director for more information. Courses with comparative content are encouraged.		

Distribution Requirements
This curriculum guide is a recommended plan of study. Students with questions about requirements should contact an academic advisor.
Only one ancient world course will count towards the certificate.
3400:340 Special Topics must be A History of Iraq and States and Statelessness in the Middle East: Kurds and Palestinians.
3400:493 Sp St: North American History must be Ottoman State and Society, 1300-1922 and Women and Gender in the Middle East.
The following credit hour requirement applies to this certificate: 15 credits.

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