

THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE

SPRING 2024 COURSE LIST

The Middle East Institute Course Bulletin is intended to provide a listing of Middle East and North Africa related courses at Columbia University. The following courses fulfill the regional course requirements for the Masters in Islamic Studies, the Middle East Graduate Certificate, and the SIPA Regional Specialization. Further course details may be found by visiting the appropriate department's website.

While we try to include all courses in these categories, some course information is posted or adjusted after the bulletin has been assembled. We will be updating the list as we approach the new semester, however, **for the most up-to-date information on courses students should refer to the Columbia [course directory](#)**. *Please consult the online Directory of Classes for information on course modality.*

For approval of courses not listed, which you believe may fulfill regional requirements, please contact the Middle East Specialization Coordinator, Astrid Benedek, at amb49@columbia.edu.

LANGUAGE COURSES

For information on Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish language courses or other general questions on Middle East languages, please see MEI's website. Placement exams for entrance to language courses beyond the introductory year are held at the beginning of each semester.

GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES

Course Title	Course Code	Call#	Cr	Instructor	Day & Time
ARCHITECTURE					
Building Islam: A Brief History of the Mosque + Other Structures	ARCH6806A	11111	3	Ziad Jamaledine	Mo 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Arab Modernism(s): Architecture Planning & Presentation	ARCH4385A	11081	3	Yasser Elsheshtawy	Mo 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ART HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY					
Islam in the Making: An Art and Architectural History	AHIS4082	15059	3	Iheb Guermazi	Tu Th 2:40 - 3:55 PM
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE					
Hebrew: History, Politics, Culture, Literature	CLSL4000GU	14824	3	Offer Dynes	W 4:10 - 6:00 PM
Themes in the Arabic Novel	CLME4262GU	13390	4	Sarah bin Tyeer	Mo 4:10 - 6:00 PM
Persian as a Philosophical Language	CLME4630GU	14841	4	Hamid Dabashi	Mo 12:10 - 2:00 PM
HISTORY					
Politics of Archaeology	HIST4723GU	11567	4	Zeynep Celik	M 2:10 - 4:00 PM
Sources and Methods in Islamic History	HIST4729GU	14734	4	Ali Karjoo-Ravary	T 2:10 - 4:00 PM
Visualizing History: Photography in Conflicts and Crisis	HIST4954GU	11583	4	Joao Pina	Tu 10:10 - 12:00 PM
Nations and Nationalism	HIST4963GU	11780	4	Samuel F Coggeshall	W 2:10 - 4:00 PM

Early Modern South Asia	HIST8011GR	11587	4	Manan Ahmed	Tu 10:10 - 12:00 PM
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ISLAMIC CULTURE STUDIES

SIPA

Modern Iran: From Monarchy to Islamic Republic	REGN8588U	10326	3	Lawrence G Potter	W 2:10 - 4:00 PM
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Failures and Successes of Three Decades	INAF6442U	11508	3	Jean-Marie Guehenno	W 11:00 - 12:50 PM
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SOCIOLOGY

Israel and the Palestinians	GU4801	18244	4	Yinon Cohen	Mo 4:10 - 6:00 PM
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Israeli Society - Special Topics	GR6160	18243	3	Yinon Cohen	Mo 12:10 - 2:00 PM
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JEWISH STUDIES

A History of Jewish-Muslim Encounters	JWST4149GU	14769	4	Rachel E Smith	W 2:10 - 4:00 PM
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MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN, AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Pan Africanism	HSME4154GU	12543	4	Mamadou Diouf	Th 12:10 - 2:00 PM
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Readings in Arabic Texts	MDES4243GU	15024	4	Matthew Keegan	Th 12:10 - 2:00 PM
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War Narrative: The Arab World	MDES4259GU	13211	4	Muhsin Al-Musawi	Tu 2:10 - 4:00 PM
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Armenians and the Modern World	MDES4360GU	14854	4	Cevat Dargin	Th 12:10 - 2:00 PM
Beyond Human in Modern Hebrew Literature	MDES4532GU	13884	4	Naama Harel	We 12:10 - 2:00 PM
Decolonial-Queerness & Abolition in SWANA	MDES4633GU	14858	4	Mohamed Abdou	Mo 10:10 - 12:00 PM
Muslims and Hindus	MDES4644GU	14967	4	Jonathan Peterson	Tu 4:10 - 6:00 PM
Mughal India	MDES4652GU	13316	4	Christine H Marrewa Karwoski	Tu 12:10 - 2:00 PM
Readings in Ottoman Texts II	MDES4927GU	12273	3	Dilek Oztoprak	Tu Th 2:40 - 3:55 PM
Contested Histories: A Medieval Jewish Empire?	MDES4945GU	14843	4	Alison Vacca	Fr 10:10 AM - 12:00 PM
MESAAS Research Colloquium	MDES6008GR	13376	2	Mana Kia	Th 4:10 - 6:00 PM
Orientalism and Post-Colonial Theory	MDES6600GR	13410	4	Sudipta Kaviraj	Th 2:10 - 4:00 PM
Stdy Gen/Sexuality-Arab World	MDES8280GR	12947	4	Joseph A Massad	Tu 4:10 - 6:00 PM
POLITICAL SCIENCE					
Eth Pol Across Post-Sov Eurasia	POLS4434GU	13225	4	Elise Giuliano	Th 2:10 - 4:00 PM
RELIGION					
Curating Islam in New York City	RELI4002GU	00478	4	Najam Haider	Th 4:10 - 6:00 PM

Dreams	RELI4223GU	11574	4	Katherine Ewing	We 2:10 - 4:00 PM
Islam in Popular Culture	RELI4619GU	00481	4	Najam Haider	Tu 4:10 - 6:00 PM
MUSIC					
Medieval Mediterranean Love Songs	MUSI4113GU	11594	4	Susan Boyton, Isabelle Levy	Th 12:10 - 2:00 PM
WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES					
SWANA Diasporas: Culture, Politics and Identity Formation in a Time of War	WMST4330GU	00772	4	Manijeh Moradian	Tu 12:10 - 2:00 PM

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSES

Course Title	Course Code	Call#	Cr	Instructor	Day & Time
ANTHROPOLOGY					
Women, Gender Pol-Mulsim World	ANTH3465UN	10594	3	Maria F Malstrom	Mo We 1:10 - 2:25 PM
ART HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY					
Public Monuments in the Ancient Near East	AHIS3101UN	12867	4	Zainab Bahrani	Th 4:10 - 6:00 PM
ASIAN/MIDDLE EAST (BARNARD)					
Ethnicity, Race, Identity in the Pre-Mod Middle East	MDES2000UN	00286	4	Nathanael Shelley	Tu 4:10 - 6:00 PM
Intro to Islamic Civilization	ASCM2003UN	16812	4	Elaine van Dalen	Mo We 11:40 - 12:55 PM
Outlaws & Tricksters of Arabic Literature (in Translation)	ASCM3000BE	00279	4	Matthew Keegan	Tu 4:10 - 6:00 PM

Babylon-Baghdad: An Urban History	MDES3003UN	00287	4	Nathanael Shelley	We 4:10 - 6:00 PM
HISTORY					
American Commercial and Business Interests in Turkey Until the 1960s	HIST3741UN	14732	4	Murat Iplicki	We 2:10 - 4:00 PM
The Crucible of Nations: Race, Migration and the Modern Mediterranean	HIST3726UN	15034	4	Hatice Polat	Tu 2:10 - 4:00 PM
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE & SOCIETY					
East/West Frametale Narratives	CPLS3333UN	16396	4	Patricia Grieve	We 2:10 - 4:00 PM
ENGLISH					
Persian Poetics in World Literature	ENGL3417BC	00711	4	Atefeh Akbari Shahmirzadi	We 12:10 - 2:00 PM
World Literature Revisited II	ENGL3205BC	00699	3	Atefeh Akbari Shahmirzadi	Tu Th 1:10 - 2:25 PM
Against Colonialism, Against Fascism	ENGL3296BC	00708	4	Ken Chen	Th 2:10 - 4:00 PM
FILM					
Unseen Masterworks of World Cinema: Arab Cinema	FILM3279BC	00723	3	Faculty	M 4:10 - 7:55 PM
MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN, AND AFRICAN STUDIES					
Colloquium on Major Texts	AHUM1399UN	13279	4	Sarah Bin Tyeer	Tu 4:10 - 6:00 PM
S Asia II: Empire / Its Aftermath	HSME2811UN	11589	4	Anupama Rao	MW 10:10 AM- 11:25 AM
Palestinian-Israeli Polit/Soc	MDES3042UN	12620	4	Joseph A Massad	Tu Th 2:40 - 3:55 PM
Literature & Cultures of Struggle in South Africa	MDES3121UN	13882	3	Jennifer Wenzel	Mo We 2:40 - 3:55 PM
East Africa & the Swahili Coast	MDES3130UN	12514	3	Laura Fair	Th 2:30 - 3:55 PM

Re-Thinking Middle East Politics	MDES3260UN	12587	4	Timothy Mitchell	Mo We 1:10 - 2:25 PM
Urban Space & Conflict in Middle East	MDES3331UN	12945	3	Khatchig Mouradian	Mo 4:10 - 6:00PM
Iraq: War, Love, and Exile	MDES3930UN	12957	3	Muhsin Al-Musawu=i	W 2:10 - 4:00 PM

RELIGION

[Islam](#)

RELI2305UN 11525 4 Aziza Shanazarova Mo We 11:40 - 12:55 PM

SOCIOLOGY (Barnard)

[Arab New York](#)

SOCI3236BC 00201 3 Randa B Serhan Mo We 4:10 - 5:25 PM