Undergraduate Program in Global Middle East Studies

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The Global Middle East Studies major and minor offer students an in-depth, interdisciplinary grounding in the histories and present-day realities of the Middle East in a global context. The goal is to ensure students have a well-developed and competitive foundation to continue their studies at the graduate level in the U.S. and globally, and/or begin a career in law, business, consulting, foreign affairs, humanitarian affairs, medicine, science, or security studies, in which both theoretical and practical/first-hand knowledge of the regions we study are equally important.

Global Middle East Studies is both an attractive program and the perfect complement to numerous other programs on campus, particularly those with a disciplinary focus such as history, comparative literature, anthropology, political science, sociology, art history, international studies, global cultures, business, pre-law and criminology, pre-med, computer and information sciences, engineering, and other physical sciences. The Global Middle East Studies minor can be combined with any major.

Requirements for the B.A. in Global Middle East Studies

All students must meet the University Requirements.
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Requirements for the Major

A. Complete the following:

GLBL ME 60A-60B-60C  Humanities and Arts: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies
and Social Sciences: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies
and Social Ecology and Sciences: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies

GLBL ME 100W  Research and Writing for Global Middle East Studies

B. Complete course work equivalent to UCI’s sixth quarter of study (2C level) in one of the following single languages: Arabic, Persian, or Hebrew. Students may also petition to complete the requirement in other languages.

C. Complete four upper-division courses, selected from two of the following emphases (eight total): ¹

1. Environment, Economies, and Conflicts
2. Histories, Cultures, and Identities
3. Geographies, Migrations, and Politics

¹ Courses must be selected from the approved lists published on the Global Middle East Studies website (http://www.humanities.uci.edu/gmes).

Residence Requirement for the Major: A minimum of five upper-division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at UCI.

Requirements for the Minor in Global Middle East Studies

A. Complete:

GLBL ME 60A-60B-60C  Humanities and Arts: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies
and Social Sciences: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies
and Social Ecology and Sciences: Problems and Methods for Global Middle East Studies

B. Complete four upper-division courses selected from an approved list. ¹

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Residence Requirement for the Minor: Four upper-division courses required for the minor must be completed successfully at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the appropriate department chair.