



Today more than ever before, the politics of the Middle East play a significant role in America's activities at home and abroad. The interdisciplinary Middle East studies program at George Mason provides you with a firm grounding in the history, culture, and politics of this important world region.

Under the guidance of internationally recognized faculty, you develop an understanding of the diverse dynamics and complex forces that shape modern Middle East realities. The courses are augmented by a variety of events, community activities, and study abroad opportunities. The program reflects the vast diversity of this region that includes the Arab world, Israel, Iran, and Turkey.

Going beyond security concerns, Mason's program emphasizes the understanding of the region's history as a launching pad for further in-depth inquiry. It situates the Middle East within a globalized world by exposing you to such topics as the Internet, satellite TV and the new media, and the political economy of business-government networks. You have the opportunity to examine new Middle East diasporas and transnational communities in the West.

*[Minoring in] the Middle East Studies Program re-introduced me to the Middle East in all sorts of new ways... With all the courses offered and the large faculty community, my awareness of the region has been redefined.*

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## WHY MASON?

George Mason's proximity to Washington, D.C., provides students of the Middle East with unparalleled access to the scholars, events, and resources of this center of global politics.

Named a national university to watch by *U.S. News & World Report*, George Mason University is an innovative, entrepreneurial institution with global distinction in a range of academic fields. Located in the heart of Northern Virginia's technology corridor near Washington, D.C., Mason prepares its students to succeed in the work force and meet the needs of the region and the world.





## COURSES

The university regularly offers many courses that deal with the history, politics, and culture of the Middle East such as:

- The Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Art of the Ancient Near East
- Authoritarianism and Reform in the Middle East
- Revolution and International Politics
- Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Government and Politics of the Middle East
- Islamic Religious Life
- Major Arab Writers and Stories
- Quest for Peace in the Middle East
- Qur'an and Hadith
- Revolution and International Politics
- Survey of Middle East History
- Terrorism and Orientalism
- Women, Islam, and the State

## RELATED ACADEMICS FIELDS

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences offers you many other interdisciplinary programs that have a major focus on globalization:

- Africa and African American Studies
- Ancient Mediterranean Art and Archeology
- Global Affairs
- Government and International Politics
- Islamic Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Russian and Eurasian Studies
- A foreign language (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Spanish...)



## MINOR

The 18-credit minor in Middle East studies gives you a strong multidisciplinary grounding in the region, its history, and its international relations. This program provides an excellent foundation for graduate work in the field or national and international careers involving the Middle East.

The minor consists of three core courses and three electives. The core courses provide an introduction to Middle East history, government and politics, and culture. The electives are chosen from a wide variety of courses that complement the major or meet your individual interests and goals.

All students are strongly encouraged to study abroad in the Middle East. George Mason's Center for Global Education offers programs in Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Yemen, Morocco, Jordan, and the United Arab Emirates.

For more information on minoring in Middle East studies, visit <http://mes.gmu.edu>.