

The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures

Encountering Middle Eastern and South Asian Cultures Certificate (Types 1B, 2)

This certificate in Encountering Middle Eastern and South Asian Cultures focuses on providing students a strong foundation for recognizing and understanding cultural, ethnic, and religious differences. The driving force behind this certificate is to give students practical and applicable skills in negotiating cultural environments in parts of the world with which they are not familiar.

Core Courses

Students must take one of the following courses but may take both. (See “Elective Courses” below for details.)

Middle East and South Asia Comparative Perspectives (1-2 courses, 3-7 CH)

- NELC 1125 (3) *Stories of Belonging and Difference in the Middle East and South Asia*
- NELC/SASIA 3025(4) *Citizenship and Diaspora: Living in Between Countries and Cultures*

Elective Courses

If both Core Courses above are taken, students will select two more courses (6 credit hours) from the electives listed below: one course from Group A and one course from Group B.

If only one of the Core Courses above is taken, students will select three more courses (9 credit hours) from the electives listed below: two courses from Group A and one course from Group B.

Group A - Middle East and South Asia Culture and Lived Experiences (1-2 courses, 3-6 CH)

- ARABIC 2241 (3) *Contemporary Arab Cultures: Arts, Mass Media, Society*
- HEBREW 2241(H) or JEWSHST 2242(H) (3) *Culture of Contemporary Israel*
- ISLAM 3205 (3) *Women in the Muslim Middle East*
- NELC/ANTHROP 2241 *The Middle East Close-Up: Peoples, Cultures, Societies*
- PERSIAN 3350 (3) *Iranian Society Today: Internal Conflicts and Social Movements*
- PERSIAN 2241 (3) *Persian Culture*
- SASIA/COMPSTD 2220 (3) *Introduction to South Asia Studies*
- TURKISH 3350 (3) *Contemporary Issues in Turkey* (3)
- TURKISH 2241 (3) *Beyond Harems and Belly Dancers: Turkish Culture*
- NELC/INTSTDS 2200 (3) *Introduction to the Modern Middle East*

Group B - Middle East and South Asia Film, Literary, and Religious Perspectives (1 course, 3 CH)

- SASIA/RELSTDS 3671 (3) *Religions of India*
- ISLAM 3501 (3) *Introduction to Islam*
- ISLAM 3702 (3) *Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World*
- HEBREW 3705 (3) *Israeli Society and the Holocaust*
- HEBREW/JEWSHST 3245 (3) *Israeli Film and Society*
- NELC 2244 (3) *Films of the Middle East*
- S ASIA 3625 (3) *Understanding Bollywood, Knowing India: Hindi Cinema since 1960*

- HISTORY 2393 (3) *Contemporary India and South Asia*
- ISLAM/HISTORY 2351 (3) *Early Islamic Society, 610-1258*
- ARABIC 2701 (3) *Classic and Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation*
- ARABIC 2702(H) or WGSS 2702(H) (3) *Gender and Citizenship in Modern Arabic Literature*
- ARABIC 3702 (3) *Place, Space, and Migration in Modern Arabic Literature and Film*
- ARABIC 3705 (3) *A Thousand and One Nights: Storytelling in Arabic and World Literature*

Encountering Middle Eastern and South Asian Cultures Certificate Program Guidelines

Credit hours required: Minimum of 12 semester credit hours.

Overlap with courses in degree

- The certificate must be in a different subject than the major.
- Max 100% overlap with courses in a major, minor, other certificate, or GE.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the certificate.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all certificate course work.

X193 credits Not permitted.

Approval required The certificate course work must be approved by: NESA advisor, Tommy Beyl.1@osu.edu.

Consult with Advisor

- For filing deadlines.
- For changes or exceptions to a certificate plan.

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