

# AFRICAN & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MAJOR

*The African & Middle Eastern Studies Major, part of the International & Area Studies IDP, allows students to analyze the area (or a subregion, e.g., the Middle East, North Africa, the Arab states, Sub-Saharan Africa) from an interdisciplinary and modern perspective. The major seeks to ground students in broad international issues which they can then use to focus on particular concerns of that part of the world.*

*Preparation for the Major: 6 courses, plus language requirement*

## Preparation Courses

- ❑ **Introduction to International & Area Studies** (1 course)  
International & Area Studies 1
- ❑ **International Societies & Cultures** (2 courses)  
Anthropology 9 • Comparative Literature 1D (or 2DW or 4DW) • Ethnomusicology 5, 25 • Geography 3 • History 2B, 22 • World Arts & Cultures 20, 33
- ❑ **International Politics & Markets** (2 courses)  
Economics 1, 2 • Geography 4, 6 • Political Science 50 (or 50R) • Sociology 1
- ❑ **Area Preparation** (1 course)  
Afrikaans 40 • Art History 28 • Geography 88B • History 9D, 10B (or 10BH or 10BW), 97F, 97J • Middle Eastern Studies 50C • Portuguese 40A • Theater 4
- ❑ **Foreign Language-Intermediate** (Up to 6 courses)  
Completion of the intermediate year (generally the sixth quarter) of any modern foreign language related to the area (e.g., African Languages 2C, Arabic 102C, Armenian 102C, 105C, Hebrew 102C, Iranian 102C, Turkic Languages 102C, 112C, 116C). *The language requirement can also be fulfilled in part or in total via a placement exam given through the appropriate language department.*

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**Admission to the Major:** UCLA students must apply to the African & Middle Eastern Studies major. Students can apply at the end of every term after having completed all preparation courses\* with a minimum UC GPA in these courses of 2.00. Admission to the African & Middle Eastern Studies major is on a competitive basis, using the preparation requirements as a minimum standard for consideration. Note that meeting minimum qualifications does not guarantee admission to the African & Middle Eastern Studies major.

\*Completion of the elementary year of the foreign language is acceptable when applying for the major. Completion of the intermediate year of the foreign language is required to fulfill all preparation requirements, but can be done after being accepted to the major. The minimum prep GPA of 2.00 will still need to be met with the inclusion of this course.

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*The Major: 12 Upper Division Courses*

## International Themes

- ❑ **International Societies & Cultures** (2 courses)  
Anthropology 130, 150, 161, 167 • Art History C160 • Communication Studies 179 • Comparative Literature 100 • Environment M133 • Film & TV 110C, 112 • Geography M109, 110, 133, 138, 142, 147, 151, 159C • History M186B • Honors Collegium M152 • International Development Studies 110 • Sociology 116, 151, 154, 191D, 191F • World Arts & Cultures M130
- ❑ **International Politics & Markets** (2 courses)  
Anthropology 153P • Economics 111, 112, 121, 122 • Environment M134 • Geography M128, 140, 148 • International Development Studies 130 • Management 109, 127C • Political Science 120B, 122A, M122B, 123A, 124A, 125A, 126, 129, 134, 137A, 138B, 150, 166, M167C, 167D, 168 • Sociology 182, 183 • Urban Planning M165

## Area Studies-Group 1

### ❑ Humanities & Arts (3 courses)

Afrikaans 135 • Arabic M110, 120, C141, M151 • Armenian 150A, C151, C152, C153, 160A, 160B • Art History C120, C145A, C145B • Comparative Literature M148, M162, 169 • Ethnomusicology 136A, C136B, 161E+, 161L+, 161N+ • French 121, 142 • Hebrew M113, C140 • Iranian 141, 142, 150A, 150B • Islamic Studies 151 • Jewish Studies M142, M144, 151B, 175 • Turkic Languages 160, 165, 180 • World Arts & Cultures 134

### ❑ Social Sciences (3 courses)

Anthropology 133P, 171, M171P, 176 • Geography 122, 135 • History 105C, 107C, 109B, 111C, 164B, 164C, 164D, 164E, 166B, 167A, 167B, 167C, 168B, M184D • Honors Collegium M157 • Political Science 132A, 151A, 151B, 151C, 157, 165

### ❑ Additional Elective (1 course)

One additional course selected from the Area Studies-Group 1 courses listed above.

## Area Studies-Group 2

The Area Studies Electives listed in Group 1 focus on contemporary issues of that region (post-1750). However, students may substitute a maximum of 3 upper division courses focusing on earlier historical aspects of the region or on diasporas with origins related to the region toward the Area Studies Electives as long the distribution between Social Sciences and Humanities & Arts is maintained. These may be selected from the following list:

**Humanities & Arts:** Ancient Near East 124, M130, 150B, C165, Arabic 130, 132, 150 • Armenian 130, 131, C155 • Art History M110A, M110B, 119A • French 160 • Hebrew 130, 135 • Iranian M110A, M110B, M110C, 120, 131, 140 • Islamic Studies M110, 130 • Jewish Studies 140A, 140B, 143, M150A, 150B, M151A, M155, M182A, M182B, M182C, M184B • Philosophy 104 • Turkic Languages 170 • World Arts and Cultures C139

**Social Sciences:** Geography 114 • History M103A, M103B, 105A, 105B, M106, 107A, 107D, M108A, 108B, 111A, 111B, 116A, 116B, 166A, 168A

## Capstone Course

### ❑ International & Area Studies Senior Seminar (1 course)

International & Area Studies 191: Variable Topics in International & Area Studies: Senior Seminar

*Note that students may partially fulfill the Area Studies Elective requirement by participating in an **International Institute Summer Travel Study program**. These programs consist of two courses in and on a particular region of the world. Please consult the Academic Counselor for more information on available programs.*

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- ❖ All courses used towards the major (including preparation for the major courses) must be taken for a letter grade.
- ❖ The minimum UC GPA for preparation courses is 2.00. The minimum GPA for upper division courses is 2.00.
- ❖ Students may choose to focus their area studies courses on a sub region (e.g., the Middle East, North Africa, the Arab states, Sub-Saharan Africa) but are strongly encouraged not to focus solely on a single country.
- ❖ Courses designated with a "+" are 2-unit courses and must either be taken twice- or two courses from the same category (if applicable) may be taken- to count as one 4-unit course.

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