



THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE SPRING 2021 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. For the most up-to-date information on courses students should refer to the Columbia [course directory](#). *Please note for the 2020-2021 academic year it appears that most courses will be offered online; 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
ANTHROPOLOGY					
Law, History & Anthropology	GR6170	11395	3	Brinkley Messick	W 10:10am-12:00pm
ARCHITECTURE					
Arab Modernism(s)	A4385*	13275	4	Yasser Elsheshtawy	M 11:00am-1:00pm
Cities in Crisis: Planning in Comparativ	A6775	12803	3	Hiba Bou Akar	R 11:00am-1:00pm
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE					
Remapping Algeria: Poetics and Politics	GU4440*	11991	3	Madeleine Dobie	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
HISTORY					
Human and Social Sciences as History	GR8023	11322	4	Malgorzata Mazurek	R 4:10pm-6:00pm
Mesopotamian Culture and Society in the First Millennium	GU4956*	11969	4	Marc Van de Mieroop	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
Methods in Middle East History	GR8757	10093	4	Rashid I Khalidi	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
Orientalism/History of Other	GU4713*	10092	4	Rashid I Khalidi	T 10:10am-12:00pm
Race and Sexuality in Modern France and its Empire	GR8558	13654	4	Camille A Robcis, Ennanuelle Saada	W 4:10pm-6:00pm
ITALIAN					
The Qur'an in Europe	GU4022*	10145	3	Pier Mattia Tommasino	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES					
Climate and Empire	GU4049*	13440		Sonia Ahsan	F 12:10pm-2:00pm
Cold War Arab Culture	GU4231*	11268	4	Muhsin Al-Musawi	R 2:10pm-4:00pm
Islamic Law Through Texts	GR6232	10925	4	Wael Hallaq	T 4:10pm-6:00pm
Medicine and Disease in the Pre-Modern I	GU4239*	1102	4	Elaine Van Dalen	F 4:10pm-6:00pm
Nationalism in the Middle East as Idea/Prac	GR6031	10919	4	Joseph A Massad	T 4:10PM-6:00PM

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Playful Tradition: Adab, Islam, and the Maqama	GU4274*	11203	4	Matthew L Keegan	M 4:10pm-6:00pm
Readings in Persian Texts	GU4726*	10916	4	Mana Kia	TR 10:10am-12:00pm
Sufism, Sharia, and Politics	GU4265*	10924	4	Wael Hallaq	W 4:10pm-6:00pm
PHILOSOPHY					
Islamic Philosophy	GU4740*	11518	3	Souleymane B Diagne	MW 2:10pm-4:00pm
POLITICAL SCIENCE					
Ethnic Politics Across Post-Soviet Eurasia	GU4434*	13482	3	Elise Giuliano	W 12:10pm-2:00pm
RELIGION					
Islam and the Secular: Rethinking Concep	GU4213*	12380	4	Mohamed Ait Amer Meziane	MR 2:10pm-4:00pm
Islam in Popular Culture	GU4619	00689	4	Najam Haider	R 4:10pm-6:00pm
Sufism in South Asia	GU4326*	13346	4	Katherine Ewing	TR 2:10pm-4:00pm
SIPA					
Emerging Financial Markets: Brazil, Mexico, Turkey	U6636	10567	3	Fernando Sotelino	M 9:00am-10:50am
Intelligence & US Foreign Policy	U8142	10615	3	Peter Clement	R 2:10pm-4:00pm
Modern Iran: from Monarchy to Islamic Republic	U8588	10666	3	Lawrence G Potter	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
Politics and Negotiations in the United	10538	U6351		Kamal Amakrane	R 6:10pm-8:00pm
State Formation, Deformation, and Failure	U8258	10622	3	Lisa Anderson	W 2:10pm-4:00pm
Why We Fail: Lessons in Conflict Resolution	10562	U6551		Edward C Luck	T 2:10pm-4:00pm
UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**					
Islamic Ethics**	IE217	NA	3	Jerusha Rhodes	T 9:00-11:50 AM
Comparative Feminist Theology**	IE326	NA	3	Jerusha Rhodes	W 9:00-11:50 AM

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UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSES						
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ANTHROPOLOGY						
Arabia Imagined	UN3933	11394	4	Brinkley Messick	M 10:10am-12:00pm	
Archaeology Before the Bible	UN3007	11451	3	Brian Boyd	MF 10:10am-11:25am	
ART HISTORY						
Rome Beyond Rome	UN2119	12531	4	Francesco De Angelis	MW 2:40pm-3:55pm	
ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURES (Barnard)						
Colloquium on Major Texts	UN1399	00630	4	Nathanael P Shelley	T 10:10am-12:00pm	
Colloquium on Major Texts	UN1399	00629	4	Rachel McDermott	W 2:10PM-4:00PM	
Ethnicity, Race, Identity in the Pre-Modern Middle East	UN2000	00634		Nathanael P Shelley	W 3:30pm-5:20pm	
Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?	BC3115	00632	4	Rachel McDermott	MW 8:40am-9:55am	
CLASSICS (Barnard)						
Contemporary Islamic Civilization	UN2008	10760	4	Matthew L Keegan	Tu Th 11:40AM-12:55PM	
Imbibing the Wisdom of the Ancients: Egypt	BC3305	00512	4		MW 10:10am-12:00pm	
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ETHNICITY AND RACE						
Arab and Asian Diaspora in Literature and Film	UN3970	11264	4	Nathalie Handal	M 2:10pm-4:00pm	
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE						
The Ottoman Past in the Greek Present	UN3110	12338	3	Dimitris Antoniou	T 2:10PM-4:00PM	
ENGLISH (BARNARD)						
World Literature Revisited II	BC3205	00316	3	Atefeh Akbari Shahmirzadi	TR 1:10pm-2:25pm	
HISTORY						

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The Ottoman Empire	UN2701	10102	4	Tunc Sen	TR 11:40am-12:55pm
INSTITUTE FOR ISRAEL & JEWISH STUDIES					
Jews in the City in the Islamic Middle East	UN3538	11910	4	Alon Tam	R 4:10pm-6:00pm
INTER-DEPARTMENT SEMINAR					
Jewish Culture in Translation in Medieval Iberia	UN3303	11764	3	Isabelle C Levy	MW 8:45am-10:00am
MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES					
Court Cultures 350-1750	UN3047	10771	3	Samyak Ghosh	T 12:10pm-2:00pm
Conflicts: Race, Region, Religion	UN2004	12313	4	Gil Anidjar	TR 10:10am-11:25am
Islamic Central Asia	UN3421	10772	3	Catherine Ambler	R 4:10pm-6:00pm
Palestinian-Israeli Politics/Society	UN3042	10920	4	Joseph A Massad	TR 2:40pm-3:55pm
Societies/Cultures: Indian Ocean	UN1399	00630	4	Nathanael P Shelley	T 10:10am-12:00pm
Theory and Culture	UN3000	10766	4	Gil Hochberg	MW 1:10pm-2:25pm

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