

# KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

## MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

September 2025

### Major in Middle East Studies

A major in Middle East Studies reflects the programming possibilities that arise from a newly-established synergy of academic expertise in the Middle East on Western main campus and at King's University College, especially in history, philosophy, and religious studies.

#### Admission Requirements:

- Completion of first-year requirements, with a minimum mark of 60% in three principal courses. It is recommended that students in first year take a first-year History course and a language course in one of Arabic, Persian or Hebrew.

#### Module 7.0 courses:

- 2.0 courses:  
History 2606E; RS 2285F/G, 2286F/G.
- 0.5 course  
RS 2345F/G, 2346F/G, 2500F/G.
- 1.0 course from:  
Arabic 1030, 2250, 3260A/B, 3300;  
Hebrew 1030, 1040A/B, 1041A/B, 2200, 2240A/B, 2241A/B\*;  
Persian 1030, 1035, 2200.
- 2.0 courses: 1.0 course each from any two of the following three areas:  
**Religion and Philosophy:**  
Phil 2205W/X, 2665F/G, 2667F/G, 2668F/G;  
RS 2114A/B, 2204F/G, 2213F/G, 2219A/B, 2262F/G, 2347F/G, 2501F/G, 2503F/G.  
**History and Politics:**  
History 2607F/G, 3605E, 3608F/G, 3691E;  
Political Science 3329F/G, 4409F/G;  
the former History 2809E, the former Political Science 4443E.  
**Literature and Culture:**  
Arabic 2250\*, 3260A/B\*, 3300\*;  
Hebrew 2200\*, 2240A/B\*, 2241A/B\*;  
Religious Studies 2502F/G, 2504F/G.  
the former Anthropology 2219F/G

**NOTE: At least 1.0 of the courses taken to fulfill the options in Religion and Philosophy, History and Politics or Literature and Culture must be at the 3000 level or above**

- 1.5 from any of the following not taken above, with no more than 1.0 course from any one discipline:  
Anthropology 2219F/G;  
Arabic 2250\*, 3260A/B\*, Arabic 3300\*;  
Hebrew 2200\*, Hebrew 2240A/B\*, Hebrew 2241A/B\*;  
History 2607F/G, 2608F/G, 3605E, 3608F/G, 3691E;  
Philosophy 2205W/X, 2665F/G, 2667F/G, 2668F/G;  
Political Science 3329F/G, 4409F/G;  
Religious Studies 2114A/B, 2204F/G, 2213F/G, 2219A/B, 2262F/G, 2347F/G, 2420A/B, 2501F/G, 2502F/G, 2503F/G, 2504F/G, 2506F/G, 2620F/G, 3130F/G, 3131A/B;  
the former History 2809E; the former Political Science 4443E.

**Note:** Some courses in this module may require prerequisites; students are advised to check course prerequisites carefully.

\* Any 2000 level course or above taken in Arabic or Hebrew beyond the 1.0 required to fulfill the Language category may be used to fulfill the Literature and Culture requirement

\*\* The History Department (Western) will maintain a list of special topics courses that can fulfill the requirements for this module.

#### Rules Governing Course Overlaps for the Middle East Studies Major

Upon request a maximum of 1.0 course credit may be allowed towards fulfilling the requirements of the Middle East Studies Major for courses taken at the 2000 level or above, if the course is eligible for credit under the rules of the Middle East Studies Major, even if the course has been credited towards a different module. Please note that this does not lower the total number of courses needed to meet graduation requirement.