MIDDLE EAST & ISLAMIC STUDIES (MEIS)

MEIS 260 Turkish Cultures and Identities (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 114 or equivalent or consent of the instructor.
Exploration of major developments in the history of Turkic communities around the globe from the rise of the Ottoman Empire to the present. Topics include religion, politics, literature, arts, traditions and customs.
Course Attributes:
  • C2: Humanities
  • Global Perspectives

MEIS 290 Introduction to Turkish Literature in Translation (Units: 3)
Study of Turkish poetry, short stories, and novels in English translation.
Course Attributes:
  • C3: Humanities: Literature
  • Global Perspectives

MEIS 300 Foundations in Middle East and Islamic Studies (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Introductory, interdisciplinary course on the cultures, politics, and histories of the Middle East, North Africa, and other Muslim societies.
Course Attributes:
  • E1: Lifelong Learning Develop
  • UD-D: Social Sciences
  • Global Perspectives

MEIS 301 Islam: Interpretation and Practice (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.
Introduction into the origin, spread, and early writings of Islam, and an overview of the diversity of contemporary Islamic practice around the globe.

MEIS 402 Arab Cinema (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; Cinema major or minor, or Middle East and Islamic Studies minor; CINE 340, CINE 341; or consent of instructor.
Arab history, themes, motifs, aesthetics and cultural traditions.
(This course is offered as CINE 402 and MEIS 402. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

MEIS 431 Constructing Kurdistan (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; PLSI 250 or PLSI 410 or HIST 605 or I R 323 or I R 324 or MEIS 300; or consent of instructor.
Examines Kurdish nation- and state-building efforts in Iraq and Turkey in the 20th and early centuries. Includes introduction to theories on nationalism, state formation, social movements, and ethnic conflict.
(This course is offered as PLSI 431 and MEIS 431. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
  • Global Perspectives

MEIS 433 Model Arab League (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214, and MEIS 300 or I R 324 or PLSI 410; or consent of instructor.
Seminar focusing on select countries in the Arab world, which students represent at delegates at regional Model Arab League (MAL) conferences. Preparation of case study papers, policy briefs and MAL resolutions for various councils at the MAL. Training in parliamentary procedure and public speaking. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.
(This course is offered as I R 433 and MEIS 433. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

MEIS 685 Projects in Teaching MEIS (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: A current matriculated student in good standing, who has already completed the regular instructionally related class, or its equivalent, with a grade of B or better, for which the student will function as an aide.
Students work as teaching assistants to instructors and receive training in teaching Middle East and Islamic Studies. Responsibilities include working with supervising faculty, assisting in preparing course material, tutoring students, and conducting small group discussions in class.
(Students may earn a maximum of 4 units toward the baccalaureate degree for any course(s) numbered 685 regardless of discipline.)

MEIS 699 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: Minimum overall GPA 3.0 and consent of the supervising faculty member and the MEIS director.
Study is planned, developed and completed under the direction of a member of the MEIS advisor.