

# MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES (MEST)

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## MEST 261 Islam and the World 3 Units GC, GE

**Typically Offered:** Fall only

Introduces students to the history, faith, practice, and cultures of Islam, starting with the Late Antique Near Eastern milieu from which it emerged and tracing its development and geographic spread around the world to the present day. 3 hours lecture. (004515)

**General Education:** Humanities (C2)

**Cross listing(s):** HIST 261, RELS 202

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures

## MEST 302 Muhammad and the Qur'an 3 Units

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course introduces students to the sacred scripture and prophet of Islam. Students study the biography of Muhammad (570-632) and the text of the Qur'an by situating it within the context of Muhammad's life and career. By the end of the course, students are able to appreciate how devout Muslims view Muhammad and the Qur'an, as well as ask critical questions raised by modern scholars of religion. 3 hours lecture. (020263)

**Cross listing(s):** HIST 361, RELS 302

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

## MEST 362 Middle Eastern Empires 3 Units GC, GE

**Prerequisite:** GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.

**Typically Offered:** Fall only

Introduction to some major aspects of culture, society and the state in the Islamic Middle East, including Islamic religion, the Arab Empire, the family, law, roles of men and women, styles of living. Examination of the post-Mongol empires of Ottoman and Safavid, and their interaction with European powers in the early modern period. 3 hours lecture. (004550)

**General Education:** Upper-Division Arts/Humanities (UDC); Global Studies Pathway

**Cross listing(s):** HIST 362

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Global Cultures

## MEST 362W Middle Eastern Empires (W) 3 Units GC, GE, W

**Prerequisite:** GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.

**Typically Offered:** Fall only

Introduction to some major aspects of culture, society and the state in the Islamic Middle East, including Islamic religion, the Arab Empire, the family, law, roles of men and women, styles of living. Examination of the post-Mongol empires of Ottoman and Safavid, and their interaction with European powers in the early modern period. 3 hours lecture. (021461)

**General Education:** Upper-Division Arts/Humanities (UDC); Global Studies Pathway

**Cross listing(s):** HIST 362W

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Global Cultures; Writing Course

## MEST 363 The Modern Middle East 3 Units GC, GE

**Prerequisite:** GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.

**Typically Offered:** Spring only

Survey of the modern Middle East from Napoleon's Conquest of Egypt (1798) to the second Gulf War (2003). Examination of the decline and collapse of the Ottoman Empire, rise of Middle Eastern nation-states, nationalistic movements, and politics in Turkey, Iran, Israel, and the Arab world. Analyses of cultural and political issues, such as the Palestinian question, Arab-Israeli conflict, modernization, secularization, and Islamic resurgence. 3 hours lecture. (021368)

**General Education:** Upper-Division Arts/Humanities (UDC); Global Studies Pathway

**Cross listing(s):** HIST 363

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Global Cultures

## MEST 389 Internship 1-3 Units

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is an internship. You must register with a supervising faculty member. 6 hours activity. (005664)

**Grade Basis:** Credit/No Credit

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

## MEST 399 Special Problems 1-3 Units

**Prerequisite:** Faculty permission.

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is an independent study of special problems. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 9 hours supervision. (005665)

**Grade Basis:** Credit/No Credit

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division