



SIPA Middle East Regional Specialization

To fulfill the regional specialization, students must complete a total of three graduate-level courses (9 credits) drawn from at least two different disciplines. Students can choose from a wide array of courses in the humanities and social sciences offered through SIPA, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the Law School. Students may also petition to take other graduate courses that cover the Middle East, with the prior approval of the Specialization Coordinator.

NEW OPPORTUNITY:

Foreign Language Regional Specialization

Master of International Affairs (MIA) Students program may instead choose the Foreign Language Specialization, which requires completion of two Intermediate or advanced language courses in Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew Persian or Turkish, and one approved MEI regional course. Students are required to register for the Foreign Language Specialization before proceeding with coursework.

ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE

The Middle East Institute (MEI) at Columbia University, founded in 1954, promotes the interdisciplinary study of the Middle East and North Africa together with associated regions of Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and related global communities.

Drawing on the expertise of faculty and the interests of students located across the many academic departments and specialized schools of the university, the Institute's activities focus on the advancement of academic knowledge and the enhancement of public understanding.

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OTHER OFFERINGS AT MEI

Events: regular programming and a wide variety of faculty- and student-initiated scholarly events such as book launches, film screenings, and guest lectures.

Workshop Series: The Ifriqiyya Colloquium, Adab Colloquium and Shari'a Workshops, dedicated to the discussion and dissemination of new research.

Academic Programs: Islamic Studies MA (ISMA) and a MA Dual Degree with Aga Khan University as well as a Middle East Graduate Certificate that can be undertaken in conjunction with any graduate-degree program

Language Circles: Weekly language practice for Arabic and Persian

Fellowships: Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for Academic Year or intensive summer language study.

Language Tutoring: Subsidies for language instruction through Language Maintenance Tutorials and fully-funded online Conversation Practice with NaTakallam.

SAMPLE FALL CLASSES THE FILL THE MENA REGIONAL SPECIALIZATION:

HUMAN RIGHTS: Refugees, Forced Migration, and Displacement with Lara J. Nettelfield

HISTORY: Islamic Movements in the Middle East with Rashid Khalidi

ITALIAN: Travel Literature in and from the Mediterranean with Konstantia Zanou

JEWISH STUDIES: History of Jews in the Islamic World in Modern Times with Alon Tam

MESAAS: Study of Gender and Sexuality in the Arab World with Joseph A Massad

POLITICAL SCIENCE: National Security Strategies of the Middle East with Charles Freilich

SIPA: Security and International Politics of the Persian Gulf with Lawrence Potter

Check out the full list of pre-approved courses on the MEI website:
www.mei.columbia.edu/list-of-eligible-courses