

# MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICS UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## Introduction

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The Middle East features often in statements made by politicians, and stories from the region are a constant staple of the media. However, the region is still considered by many to be a "mystery." This perception is in part a result of the misrepresentation of the region and its peoples, in addition to the incessant regional political developments, especially during the current decade. The purpose of this certificate is to provide students with a deeper understanding of the politics of the region that goes beyond stereotypes disseminated by the media and manipulated by political and interest groups. It will introduce students to current research and practice concerning the complex interplay among the different peoples and the states of the Middle East, as well as the interaction between the region and the rest of the world. While the certificate will be issued and managed by the Political Science department, students can take courses from other departments and programs, for instance Geography, History, Modern Languages, Religious Studies and Women and Gender Studies. Graduate courses in the Political Science with a Middle East focus can also count toward the certificate. Such an interdisciplinary approach will expose students to a variety of perspectives on the study of the Middle East. It will also train students to investigate the interconnections among the different aspects of politics in the region.

## Program Delivery

- The certificate is earned through our traditional on-campus courses.

## Declaring This Certificate

- Any undergraduate admitted to CU Denver in a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking program may pursue this certificate.
- To declare this certificate, students must meet with the Political Science Department advising faculty.
- For questions about the Middle Eastern Politics Undergraduate Certificate contact Dr. Bassem Hassan ([Bassem.Hassan@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Bassem.Hassan@ucdenver.edu) ([Bassem.Hassan@ucdenver.edu?subject=Middle%20East%20Politics%20Certificate](mailto:Bassem.Hassan@ucdenver.edu?subject=Middle%20East%20Politics%20Certificate)))

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Middle Eastern Politics certificate advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

## General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

## Certificate Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the approved courses.
- Students must complete all courses at the upper-division level (3000 or 4000 level). With the exception ARAB 2120 Intermediate Arabic II.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
- All of the credit hours for this certificate must be earned at the CU Denver.

## Certificate Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

- Only one course can be an independent study, which must be approved by Political Science Department as the certificate advisor.
- Students must complete at least two Political Science courses in the certificate.

| Code  | Title   | Hours |
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| <i>Complete one of the following introductory courses:</i>  |   | 3     |
| HIST 4461   | The Modern Middle East  |       |
| PSCI 4002   | Topics in Political Science (any PSCI section with Middle East as part of the subtitle) |       |
| PSCI 4736   | The Middle East in World Affairs  |       |
| <i>Complete two of the following elective courses:</i>  |   | 6     |
| ARAB 2120   | Intermediate Arabic II  |       |
| GEOG 3150   | Middle East   |       |
| HIST 4461   | The Modern Middle East  |       |
| HIST 4462   | Islam in Modern History   |       |
| PSCI 4002   | Topics in Political Science (any PSCI section with Middle East as part of the subtitle) |       |
| PSCI/WGST 4150  | Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism                       |       |
| PSCI 4155   | Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa                                   |       |
| PSCI/ETST 4156  | The Arab-Israeli Peace Process  |       |
| PSCI 4165/ RLST 3100  | Islamic Politics and Culture  |       |
| PSCI 3050   | Islamophobia  |       |
| RLST 3100   | Islamic Politics and Culture  |       |
| RLST 3120   | Islamic Traditions  |       |
| PSCI 4736   | The Middle East in World Affairs  |       |
| PSCI 5610   | Seminar: Middle East Politics   |       |
| Relevant Independent Study in any Department, if approved by Political Science Faculty Certificate Advisor. |   |       |
| <i>Complete one of the following capstone courses:</i> <sup>1</sup>   |   | 3     |

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| PSCI/WGST<br>4150  | Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond<br>Orientalism & Islamism |
| PSCI/ETST<br>4156  | The Arab-Israeli Peace Process                                       |
| PSCI 4770          | Middle East Politics and Society in Film                             |
| PSCI 5610          | Seminar: Middle East Politics  |
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| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>12</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Courses listed in the introductory and capstone sections can apply as electives if they are not used to fulfill the introductory and capstone requirements.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/polisci/certificates/middle-east-politics-certificate/>).