MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, BA

The interdisciplinary Modern Middle Eastern Studies degree is designed to allow students to specialize in the Middle East as a region of the world and human experience by combining course work using both social scientific and humanistic approaches, underpinned by relevant language skills. Students will work with faculty committed to supporting interdisciplinary, applied, research-oriented advanced study. The major gives students opportunities to work on problems of politics, policy, history, ideology, social thought, economic development, and international relations.

The minimum total course units (https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/mec/programs/mmes (https://www.sas.upenn.edu/mec/programs/mmes/)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors[1] + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
Disciplinary Distribution		*3*
Select 1 course unit of Humanities with: Attribute AMMH (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/ammh/)		
Select 1 course unit of Social Science with: Attribute AMMS (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/amms/)		
Select 1 additional course unit of Humanities or Social Science		
Attribute: AMMH (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/ammh/)		
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Language Requirement		
Select 4 course units of Middle East Language options up to the 5000 level with at least 2 course units at the 3000 level in Arabic, Hebrew, Pashto, Persian, or Turkish		4
Regional Coverage		
Select 3 course units of Foundational courses with one course centered on a culture different from the language selected above with: Attribute AMMF (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/ammf/)		3
Seminar/Research Requirement		
Select 2 course units of Seminars in consultation with your major advisor with: Attribute AMRS (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/amrs/)		2
Total Course Units		**32**

[1] You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/).

Honors

Candidates must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 and a GPA of 3.7 in the major.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.