

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.

These requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College 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 faculty advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

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.

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.

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours from the approved courses.
2. Students must complete all courses at the upper-division level (3000 or 4000 level). With the exception ARAB 2120 Intermediate Arabic II.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all certificate courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Students cannot complete certificate or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail. All of the credit hours for this certificate must be earned at the CU Denver.
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Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

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

Required Course

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete one introductory course:</i>		3
PSCI 4002	Topics in Political Science (any PSCI section with Middle East as part of the subtitle)	3
PSCI 4736	The Middle East in World Affairs	3
HIST 4461	The Modern Middle East	3

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete three of the following:</i>		9
ARAB 2120	Intermediate Arabic II	3
GEOG 3150	Middle East	3
HIST 4461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 4462	Islam in Modern History	3
PSCI 4002	Topics in Political Science (any PSCI section with Middle East as part of the subtitle)	3
PSCI 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	3
PSCI 4155	Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa	3
PSCI 4156	The Arab-Israeli Peace Process	3
PSCI 4165	Islamic Politics and Culture	3
RLST 3100	Islamic Politics and Culture	3
RLST 3120	Islamic Traditions	3

Relevant Independent Study in any Department, if approved by Political Science Faculty Certificate Advisor.

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete one capstone course:</i>		3
PSCI 4156	The Arab-Israeli Peace Process	3
or PSCI 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	
or WGST 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	

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/>).