

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF CONCENTRATION IN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

The Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

Summary Description:

The Certificate in Middle East Studies enables graduate and professional school students in fields other than Middle East Studies to demonstrate interdisciplinary area expertise, language proficiency, and research competence in Middle East Studies. The certificate program is intended to complement existing fields of studies in other M.A. and Ph.D. programs and to provide the equivalent of such specialization for students in departments and schools without Middle East-related fields of study. The certificate program is designed to be completed within the time span of a normal Ph.D. residence. Professional school students and M.A. students in the Graduate School may require an additional term of registration to complete the certificate requirements depending on the requirements of specific programs.

Requirements:

1. Courses. Successful completion of at least six courses in Middle East Studies from at least two different disciplines. No more than four courses may count in any one discipline. Included in these six courses must be an introductory Middle East history course, such as State and Society and Culture in the Middle East (taken with special supplemental graduate readings and assignments) and a foundations course, such as Culture and Politics in the Contemporary Middle East.
2. Language. Demonstration of language proficiency through completion of the equivalent of two years of study at a passing grade in one of the four languages of the Middle East – Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish.
3. Research paper. Evidence of research expertise in Middle East Studies demonstrated by completion of a major graduate course research paper, dissertation prospectus, dissertation, or thesis that demonstrates ability to use field resources, ideally in one or more languages of the region.
4. Refer to the [*General Guidelines for Graduate Certificate of Concentration In International and Area Studies*](#) for additional details about the above requirements, as well as requirements for Progress Reports, course grades, etc.

The certificate courses and research work should be planned to demonstrate clearly fulfillment of the goals of the certificate. Certificate candidates should design their course schedules in consultation with the graduate certificate adviser for Middle East Studies. Ideally, students should declare their intention to complete the certificate requirements early in their program at Yale. Graduate and professional school students who intend to complete the certificate program must declare their intention to do so no later than their penultimate term of enrollment.

