

# ***MIDDLE EAST STUDIES PROGRAM***

## *AUTUMN COURSE OFFERINGS 1999*

### ***MIDDLE EAST STUDIES***

ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION; SISME 210 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7462) WHEELER

Offered jointly with NEAR E 210 A (SLN: 5985)

TTh 1:30- 3:20 KNE 110

Major developments in Islamic civilization from advent of Islam in seventh century to present. Islamic history, law, theology, and mysticism, as well as the politics, cultures, and literatures of the various Islamic societies.

INDEPENDENT STUDY; SISME 600 A, Var Cr, (SLN: 7463) Arrange

Arrange with Faculty: Register by Department

Pick up form in Thomson 111

MASTERS THESIS; SISME 700 A, Var Cr, (SLN: 7464) Arrange

Arrange with Faculty: Register by Department

Pick up form in Thomson 111

### ***ART HISTORY***

SURV WEST ART-ANCIENT; ART H 201 AA, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1454) HALLETT, C

Other Sessions available

MWF 1:30-2:20 \*KNE 120

TTh 8:30-9:20 \*ART 003

Major achievements in painting, sculpture, architecture, and the decorative arts in Europe, the Near East, and North Africa, from prehistoric times to the beginnings of Christianity. The course provides an introduction to the art and architecture of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Near East, the Bronze Age Aegean cultures, ancient Greece, the Hellenistic world, Etruria, and the Roman Empire down to the coming of Christianity. It also offers some preliminary training in visual analysis and a practical introduction to the critical vocabulary of art history.

There is a mid-term exam, a written assignment, and a final exam. The class assignments are weighted in the following way: mid-term exam: 25% term paper: 35% final exam: 40% Extra credit may also be awarded on the basis of student participation in discussion sections.

### ***COMPARATIVE RELIGION***

INTRO NEW TESTAMENT; RELIG 220 AA, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7316) WILLIAMS, M

Other sections available

MTWTh 10:30-11:20 \*SMI 120

Th 2:30-3:20 \*THO 325

Modern scholarly methods of research and analysis in dealing with New Testament books and their interpretation. Genres of various books (gospel, epistle, sacred history, apocalypse); problems of the relationships among author, material, and intended audience; relationships between theme and image.

The students will be introduced to modern critical study of the New Testament (=NT). Though now often spoken of in the singular, as a unified document, the NT is actually a collection of what were originally individual writings composed by various early Christians over a period of many years. What is now a standardized collection took shape over several generations. This course is concerned with understanding the NT writings in their original historical settings. Students learn some of the possible circumstances and purposes for the composition of individual writings; what can be known about the authors; key themes found in various writings, and the background for these; interrelationships among NT writings, and their significance; and in general, the relation between these writings and what can be known about the social history and culture of earliest Christian movements.

SCRIPTURE IN ISLAM; RELIG 430 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7325) WHEELER, B

Offered Jointly with NEAR E 430 A  
MWF 1:30-2:50 \*MLR 301  
SEE NEAR E 430 A for course description

SPECIAL TOPICS; RELIG 490 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7326) WALKER, J  
Offered Jointly with NEAR E 496 B  
"JERUSALEM FROM KING DAVID TO DOME OF THE ROCK"  
MTTh 1:30-2:50 \*SMI 305  
SEE NEAR E 496 B for course description.

### ***HISTORY***

MODERN NEAR EAST; HIST 563 A, 3-6 Cr, (SLN: 8800) BACHARACH, J  
ADD CODE REQUIRED  
EC SMI 206C  
W 1:30-3:20 \*BLM 305  
Field course introducing the student to the major periods and problems of Near Eastern history, 1798 to the present.

### ***INTERNATIONAL STUDIES***

*POLITICAL ISLAM*; SIS 406 YA, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7414) BURROWES, R  
Offered Jointly with POL S 432 YA  
MW 7:00-9:20pm \*SAV 317

What Students Can Expect to Learn from this Course: Course focuses on the revival since the mid-1970s of political Islam and what has come to be called "Islamic fundamentalism," especially in the Middle East. What are the nature and variety of political Islam today, and how does this resurgence or revival compare to those in the past? What are its causes, and what are its implications for the Islamic world as well as for theorist of the world, the U.S. included? (For example, is it a "threat" to us and our interests?) Finally, is political Islam compatible with democratic politics and international order?

General Method of Instruction: Lectures and discussion.

Recommended Preparation for Success in the Course: No prerequisites, although a basic course on Middle East Politics, history, etc. is a good idea. Suitable for non-majors with some background in political science.

General Nature of Assignments: Readings from Esposito, *The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?*; Beinlin and Stork (eds), *Political Islam*; and Esposito and Voll, *Islam and Democracy*.

Basis on which Grades are Assigned:

Two Exams: 40%

Term Paper: 40%

Clipping File 10%

Class Participation 10%

TOTAL 100%

### ***JEWISH STUDIES***

SPECIAL TOPICS; SISJE 490 E, 5 Cr, (SLN: 8835) WHEELER, D  
"MEMORY TO MOBILIZATION"  
TTh 3:30-5:20 \*THO 235

This course looks at the movement to establish and consolidate a Jewish State in Palestine. It treats this movement from the perspective of a collective action problem: Some of the questions we will address include--how did early Zionist organizers conceptualize strategies to ensure the movement's success? What organizational foundations were established? What role did media/public culture play in transforming memory into action? How did a movement facing such odds succeed? As a global political concept, what did Zionism teach us about international politics? In the post-state period, many Israelis are in the processes of constructing revisionist histories of the Zionist movement and its final expression in statehood. What do these reinterpretations of the future in light of the past teach us about contemporary post-revolutionary politics in Israel?

## ***POLITICAL SCIENCE***

***POLITICAL ISLAM; POL S 432 YA, 5 Cr, (SLN: 6956) BURROWES, R***

Offered Jointly with SIS 406 YA (SLN: 7414)

MW 7:00-9:20pm \*SAV 317

SEE SIS 406 YA for course description

## ***NEAR EASTERN COURSES IN ENGLISH***

(for Information Call Near East Dept. - 543-6033)

**ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION; NEAR E 210 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 5985) WHEELER**

Offered Jointly with SISME 210 A (SLN: 7462)

TTh 1:30- 3:20 \*KNE 110

Major developments in Islamic civilization from advent of Islam in seventh century to present. Islamic history, law, theology, and mysticism, as well as the politics, cultures, and literatures of the various Islamic societies.

**SCRIPTURE IN ISLAM; NEAR E 430 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 5986) WHEELER**

Offered Jointly with RELIG 430 A (SLN: 7325)

MWF 1:30- 2:50 \*MLR 301

Examines concept and use of scripture in Islam, with special attention to issues of canon and commentary, heavenly books, talismanic uses, and the place of scripture in ritual. In English translation.

\*Room Subject to change

**SPECIAL STUDIES: KAZAKH-KIRGHIZ STUDIES; NEAR E 496 A, CIRTAUTAS**

3 Cr, (SLN: 5988)

Offered Jointly with NEAR E 596 A (SLN: 5992)

By Arrangement

Reading of selected texts in modern literary Kazakh, with continuing emphasis on grammar, syntax, and oral practice.

**SPECIAL STUDIES; NEAR E 496 B, 5 Cr, (SLN: 5989) WALKER, J**

Offered Jointly with HSTAM 405 A (SLN: 4386)

**JERUSALEM, FROM KING DAVID TO THE DOME OF THE ROCK**

MTTh 1:30- 2:50 \*SMI 305

History of the city of Jerusalem from its establishment as the center of a Jewish royal state in the tenth century B.C. to the construction of the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount by the caliph Abd al-Malik (684-705 C.E.)

**Special Studies: Chingiz Aitmatov; NEAR E 496 C, Cirtautas**

3-5 Cr, (SLN: 5990)

Offered Jointly with NEAR E 596 C (SLN: 5993)

To Be Arranged

Explains the wide recognition Kirghiz/Russian writer Chigiz Aitmatov (1928) received within the former Society Union and beyond, starting with his earliest stories up to his recent novels.

**SUPERVISED STUDY; NEAR E 490 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 5987) ARRANGE**

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

**UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; NEAR E 499 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 5991) ARRANGE**

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

**INDEPNDNT STUDY/RESEARCH; NEAR E 600 A, Var Cr.1-10, (SLN: 5994) ARRANGE**

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

GRADS ONLY

## **NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGE COURSES**

(for Information Call Near East Dept. - 543-6033)

### **ARABIC**

ELEMENTARY ARABIC, ARAB 411, 5 Cr,

Section A (SLN: 1277) TTh 12:30-1:20 \*DEN 216 FACULTY

MWF 12:30-1:20 \*DEN 302

Section B (SLN: 1278) MWF 9:30-10:20 \*DEN 213 FACULTY

T Th 12:30-1:20 \*DEN 216

Section C (SLN: 1279) MWF 12:30-1:20 \*DEN 205 YAQUB, N

T Th 12:30-1:20 \*DEN 216

Study of grammar, with oral and written drill and reading of simple texts. (Cannot be taken for credit if ARAB 401 taken)

\*Room Subject to change

INTERMEDIATE ARABIC, ARAB 421, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1280) FACULTY

MTWThF 11:30-12:20 \*DEN 213

Reading of selected texts in standard Arabic, with continuing emphasis on grammar and syntax. Prerequisite: ARAB 413.

ADVANCED ARABIC, ARAB 431, 3 Cr, (SLN: 1281) FACULTY

TTh 11:00-12:20 \*DEN 312

Designed to impart to the student an active knowledge of Arabic structure and syntax and to increase his or her vocabulary power through supervised composition, translation into Arabic, and precis of expository writings. Particular emphasis is placed on journalistic articles and editorials. Prerequisite: ARAB 423 or equivalent.

Quran & Bible Masorah; ARAB 472, 3 Cr WHEELER, B

Offered Jointly with HEBR 472

MWF 11:30-12:20 \*tba

Introduces and discusses selected readings in textual apparatuses for the Quran and Bible. Attention to marginalia in Rabbinic texts, and Islamic scholars such as al-Zarkashi and al-Suyuti. Prerequisites: ARAB 423, HEBR 427 or HEBR 432.

SUPERVISED STUDY; ARAB 490 A, Var Cr. 1-6, (SLN: 1282) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; ARAB 499 A, Var Cr. 1-6, (SLN: 1283) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

INDEPNDNT STUDY/RESEARCH; ARAB 600 A, Var Cr. 1-10, (SLN: 1284) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

GRADS ONLY

### **HEBREW**

ELEMENTARY MODERN HEBREW; HEBR 411, 5 Cr, (SLN: 4218) FACULTY

MTWThF 9:30-10:20 \*PAR 310

Modern Israeli Hebrew. Core vocabulary, grammar, conversational text, and oral and written communication. Excerpts from modern Hebrew prose and poetry. (Cannot be taken for credit if HEBR 401 taken.)

INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW; HEBR 421, 5 Cr, (SLN: 4219) SOKOLOFF

MTWThF 10:30-11:20 \*DEN 213

Readings of selected texts in modern Hebrew with continuing emphasis on grammar and syntax. Prerequisite: HEBR 413 or equivalent.

\*Room Subject to change

BIBLICAL HEBREW POETRY; HEBR 427 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 4220) NOEGEL

w/SISJE 490 B (SLN: 7454)

TTh 10:30-12:50 \*THO 211

Explores select poetic sections of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) in conjunction with English translations and commentaries. Emphasis on close readings, the grammatical insights of textual criticism, and the interpretive strategies and agendas of the English translations. Prerequisite: HEBR 426.

INTRO TO HEBREW LIT; HEBREW FICTION; HEBR 452, 3 Cr, (SLN: 4221) SOKOLOFF

MW 1:30-2:50 \*DEN 213

Literary texts and analysis. Grammar, composition, and dictionary skills. Primarily modern texts - short poetry, fiction, and essays - with some selections as well from biblical passages, the liturgy, midrash, and medieval poetry.

Prerequisite: HEBR 423.

QURAN & BIBLE MASORAH; HEBR 472, 3 Cr WHEELER, B

Offered Jointly with ARAB 472

MWF 11:30-12:20 \*tba

Introduces and discusses selected readings in textual apparatuses for the Quran and Bible. Attention to marginalia in Rabbinic texts, and Islamic scholars such as al-Zarkashi and al-Suyuti. Prerequisites: ARAB 423, HEBR 427 or HEBR 432.

SUPERVISED STUDY; HEBR 490 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 4222) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; HEBR 499, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 4223) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

INDEPNDNT STUDY/RESEARCH; HEBR 600 A, Var Cr 1-10, (SLN: 4224) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

GRADS ONLY

## **PERSIAN**

ELEMENTARY PERSIAN; PRSAN 411, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7006) FACULTY

MTWThF 9:30-10:20 \*PAR 313

Conversation, pronunciation, and graded reading. Persian alphabet and basic sentence constructions. Offers rudimentary conversational and reading ability with a vocabulary of about two thousand words.

INTERMEDIATE PERSIAN, PRSAN; 421, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7007) FACULTY

MTWThF 10:30-11:20 \*DEN 313

Reading of simple texts with emphasis on reading and writing conversation skills, grammar, and syntax. Builds a vocabulary of standard Persian in preparation for advanced reading and comprehension of literary texts. Prerequisite: PRSAN 413 or equivalent.

\*Room Subject to change

SUPERVISED STUDY; PRSAN 490 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 7008) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; PRSAN 499, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 7009) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

INDEPNDNT STUDY/RESEARCH; PRSAN 600 A;, Var Cr 1-10, (SLN: 7010) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

GRADS ONLY

### ***TURKIC***

ELEMENTARY UZBEK; TKIC 411, 5 Cr, (SLN: 8117) CIRTAUTAS

(Time TBA)

Introduction to the modern written and spoken language. Cannot be taken for credit if 401 taken.

INTERMEDIATE UZBEK; TKIC 421, 3 Cr, (SLN: 8118) CIRTAUTAS

(Time TBA)

Continuation of elementary Uzbek. Oral work, grammar, and readings in Uzbek literature. Prerequisite: TKIC 413 or equivalent

SUPERVISED STUDY; TKIC 490 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 8119) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; TKIC 499, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 8120) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

INDEPNDNT STUDY/RESEARCH; TKIC 600 A, Var Cr 1-10, (SLN: 8121) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

GRADS ONLY

### ***TURKISH***

ELEMENTARY TURKISH; TKISH 411, 5 Cr, (SLN: 8122) KURU

MTWThF 9:30-10:20 \*PAR 206

Introduction to modern Turkish. Pronunciation and conversation, grammar and composition, graded reading. Latin characters used throughout.

INTERMEDIATE TURKISH; TKISH 421, 5 Cr, (SLN: 8123) KURU

MTWThF 10:30-11:20 \*DEN 206

Introduction to modern Turkish Literature. Prerequisite: TKISH 413 or equivalent.

\*Room Subject to change

SUPERVISED STUDY; TKISH 490 A, Var Cr. 1-6, (SLN: 8124) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; TKISH 499, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 8125) Arrange

ADD CODE REQUIRED

INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

INDEPNDNT STUDY/RESEARCH; TKISH 600 A, Var Cr 1-10, (SLN: 8126) Arrange  
ADD CODE REQUIRED  
INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

[Return to Quarterly Courses page](#)