MIDDLE EAST STUDIES PROGRAM

Spring COURSE OFFERINGS 1999

Middle East Studies

ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION; SISME 210 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 6820) WHEELER
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH NEAR E 210 A, (SLN: 5415)
T Th 11:30-1:50 *SMI 205

Introduction to Islamic Civilization
This course is organized around two methods of studying Islamic Civilization. The first is a broad historical/sociological overview of the peoples, cultures and historic evolution of Islamic society from the advent of Islam to the modern age. In this overview, we will examine Islamic societies from Malaysia to East Africa and those in between. The second method is case study oriented. In the second half of the course we will study two cases of Islamic social circumstance: one is women and Islam, the other is Islamic fundamentalism. This is a general introductory course and know previous knowledge of Islam is assumed.

SPECIAL TOPICS: ARAB FOLKLORE; SISME 490 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 6821) YAQUB, N
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH ANTH 493 A (SLN: 1252)
ADD CODE REQUIRED
T Th 1:30-2:50 *DEN 206

Folk Genres have been variously described as reflecting or reversing social norms, as providing emotional outlets and social coping strategies to participants, and as tools for both maintaining and transforming social interaction and institutions. With special reference to verbal folk traditions in the Arab World, this course will explore these various approaches to oral verbal art. All texts are in English, and no prior knowledge of Arabic is required.

SPECIAL TOPICS: ISLAM AND CYBERSPACE; SISME 490 B, 5 Cr, (SLN: 6822) WHEELER
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH CMU 418 A (SLN: 2319)
T Th 2:30-4:20 *CMU 228

Islam and Cyberspace is a course designed to to achieve three main tasks. First, to assess how the world is adapting to the merging of new technologies with "old" culture. Second, to study and theorize about the character of the newly emerging Internet cultures. Third, to examine how Islam and Muslims are adapting to the challenges and opportunities presented by the advent of cyberspace. No previous knowledge of Islam is assumed and subjects/conclusions of the course will be of broad theoretical interest to scholars of communication

SPECIAL TOPICS: GEOMETRY AND ISLAMIC ARCHITECTURE; SAKKAL, M
SISME 490 C, 3-5 Cr, (SLN: 6823)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH ART H 400 D: ART H AND CRITICISM (SLN: 1452)
T Th 10:30-11:50 *MUE 153
Geometry was always part of the process of designing and constructing buildings. In Islamic architecture the role of geometry is manifested in numerous ways, several of which will be examined in this course. We will review two-dimensional and three-dimensional uses of symmetry, geometry, pattern, and proportion systems. We will also examine specific architectural features such as the use of calligraphy, muqarnas, star ribbed domes, and surface decorations in Islamic buildings. Some attention will be given to cultural, philosophical, and technical aspects of the use of geometry in the built environment throughout the Islamic world, past and present.

SPECIAL TOPICS: PEOPLE & POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST; WATTS, N

SISME 490 D, Var Cr, (SLN: 6824)
W 1:30-4:20 *RAI 109

Popular and academic studies of political power in the Middle East have often focused exclusively on the state or on elite classes in society. This course looks outside the state and at those "fuzzy boundaries" between states and society to examine how different groups and institutions may exert power and affect the way states behave. We will examine how groups of people from all walks of life interact with state organizations to shape local and national policies, how they influence political discourse, and how they form and pursue political goals, even in non- or semi-democratic countries.

Reading includes selections from Giacomo Luciani, ed., The Arab State; Tim Mitchell, Colonizing Egypt; Chris Hann and Elizabeth Dunn, eds., Civil Society: Challenging Western Models; Ellis Goldberg, Resat Kasaba and Joel Migdal, eds, Rules and Rights in the Middle East; Kanan Makiya, Cruelty and Silence; Diane Singerman, Avenues of Participation; Phillip Khoury and Joseph Kostiner, eds., Tribes and States in the Middle East.

SPECIAL TOPICS: LANGUAGE POLICY IN THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST; GOKDAYI

SISME 490 E, 3 Cr, (SLN: 6825)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH NEAR E 496 C, (SLN: 5420)
T Th 2:30-3:50 *DEN 211

In this course we will focus on two things: (1) the role of language in nation-building efforts in various Middle Eastern countries. (2) systematic political interventions by governments, authorized institutions or societies in language development. (e.g., changing alphabet, purging language of its loanwords, choosing an official language, revival of a language), in the Middle East. The course will include lectures, discussion of reading materials, and guest speakers.

SEM MID EAST STDIES; SISME 532 A, Cr-no Cr, 2 Cr, (SLN: 7869) BACHERACH

ADD CODE REQUIRED EC THO 111

Middle Eastern historiography, Islamic law, Islamic theology, relations between the Middle East and the world economy, political structures, social movements in the Middle East. Credit/no credit only.
A continuation of SISME 531 and by permission of instructor only

INDEPENDENT STUDY; SISME 600 A, VAR CR, (SLN: 6826) Arrange

Arrange with Faculty: Register by Department
Pick up form in Thomson 111

MASTERS THESIS; SISME 700 A, VAR CR, (SLN: 6827) Arrange

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**Anthropology**

**COMPARATIVE STUDY DEATH; ANTH 322 YA, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1238) GREEN, J**

OFFERED JOINTLY WITH RELIG 320 YA (SLN: 6669)

M W 4:30-6:50p *DEN 216

Death analyzed from a cross-cultural perspective. Topics include funerary practices, concepts of the soul and afterlife, cultural variations in grief, cemeteries as folk art, and medical and ethical issues in comparative context. American death practices compared to those of other cultures. Offered: jointly with RELIG 320.

The course compares American death practices with those of other cultures, placing American practice into cross-cultural perspective. Students will learn about the variety of death-related beliefs and practices that occur in human societies and how our own are a reflection of our particular historical experience.

Lectures with lots of discussion. I use films, have guest speakers, and normally ask students to visit a cemetery (preferably in the day time).

**ADV TPC EXPSRV CLT: ARAB FOLKLORE; ANTH 493 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 1252) YAQUB, N**

ADD CODE REQUIRED

OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SISME 490 A (SLN: 6821)

T Th 1:30-2:50 *DEN 206

(See Middle East Studies: SISME 490 A for course description)

**Archaeology**

**ARCHY OF EGYPT; ARCHY 312, 3 Cr, (SLN: 1313) WENKE, R**

MWF 10:30-11:20 *DEN 209

A survey of ancient Egyptian culture history between about 6000 BC and AD 400, based on a synthesis of archaeological and textual evidence. Focuses on the origins and evolution of the Egyptian state and the elements of pharaonic religion, society, economy, art, architecture, and science.

**SPEC PROJECTS: GEOMETRY AND ISLAMIC ARCHITECTURE; SAKKAL, M**

ARCH 498 C, 3-5 Cr, (SLN: 1298)

OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SISME 490 C (SLN: 6823)

OFFERED JOINTLY WITH ART H 400 D, (SLN: 1452)

T Th 10:30-11:50 *MUE 153

(See Middle East Studies: SISME 490 C for course description)

**Art History**

**EARLY CHRIS/BYZ ART; ART H 451 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 1456) Kartsonis**

M W F 11:00-12:20 *ART 317

Specific theme or area of early Christian and Byzantine art and architecture, such as early Christian and Byzantine mosaics or the art of Constantinople.

**ART H AND CRITICISM: CALLIGRAPHY AND ISLAMIC ARCH; SAKKAL, M**
ART H 400 D, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1452)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH ARCH 498 C (SLN: 1298)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SISME 490 C (SLN: 6823)
T Th 10:30-11:50 *MUE 153
(See Middle East Studies: SISME 490 C for course description)

COMMUNICATIONS

ISSUES IN MASS CMU: ISLAM AND CYBERSPACE; CMU 418 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 2319) WHEELER, D
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SISME 490 B (SLN: 6822)
T Th 2:30-4:20 *CMU 228
(See SISME 490 B for course description)

SPECIAL TOPICS: GLOBAL COMMUNICATION; cmu 418 a, 5 Cr, (SLN: 2319) WHEELER, D
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH POL S 329 A
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH (SLN: 2305)
MTWThF 10:30-11:20 *CMU 226
(See SIS 490 B for Course Description)

History

MID EAST SINCE 1789; HIST 463 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 3972) HEINRICH
MTWThF 11:30-12:20 *JHN 223
Critical issues and themes in the changing Middle East, including Westernization, growth of nationalism, Arab-Israeli dispute, Iranian revolution, and the role of Islam.

SILK ROAD; HIST 225 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7908) WAUGH, D
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SISRE 225 A
M W F 12:30-1:50 *SAV 313
History of cultural and economic exchange across Eurasia from the early Common Era to modern times. Spread of religions such as Islam and Buddhism, overland trade in rare commodities, interaction between nomadic and sedentary cultures, role of empires, culture of daily life, and the arts. Offered: jointly with SISRE 225.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SPECIAL TOPICS: BUSINESS RELATIONS & INTEGRATION IN THE GLOBAL ECON; OZEL, S
SIS 490 A, 4 Cr, (SLN: 6770)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH I BUS 490 A (4180)
T Th 8:30-10:20 *BLM 202
The debate about globalization. It is a platitude to say we live in the age of a global economy. Most people agree that to jump on the bandwagon of globalization is a chance for countries to overcome underdevelopment. However the
events of the last two years have shown to us that globalization is not a tidal wave that will lift us all automatically.
The course will present the political economy of globalization, discuss ways of managing it and address the all-
important issue of alleviating inequality. It will address the hype about globalization; the Asian and Russian crises and
what kind of environment will there be for business in the 20th century. Globalization is here to stay; the question is
how can it be managed.
The course will give the students the kind of economy that businesses will face in the 21st century. No prior
requirements.

Three two-page essays on the week's reading, a mid-term take-home and a final assignment.

40% for final.
25% for the midterm
20% for essays
15% for participation

SPECIAL TOPICS: GLOBAL COMMUNICATION; SIS 490 B, 5 Cr, (SLN: 6771) OZEL, S
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH POL S 329 A
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH CMU 320 A (SLN: 2305)
MTWThF 10:30-11:20 *CMU 226

What do we mean when we say we live in an age of information and communication? An abundance of data is not
information, and in terms of understanding such data, we need the mediation of media. Is the media, especially in the
third world, up to the task? What have been the recent developments in the world of media that are going to shape the
way we look at the world and understand it? This course will deal with questions such as media ethics, the relation
between power and media, ad the media's evolving position in power distribution in societies.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

SPECIAL TOPICS: BUSINESS RELATIONS & INTEGRATION IN THE GLOBAL ECON; OZEL, S
I BUS 490 A, 4 Cr, (4180)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SIS 490 B (SLN: 6770)
T Th 8:30-10:20 *BLM 202
(see International Studies, SIS 490 B for course description)

Political Science

SPECIAL TOPICS: GLOBAL COMMUNICATION; POL S 329, 5 Cr, (SLN: ) OZEL,S
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SIS 490 B (SLN: 6771)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH CMU 320 A (SLN: 2305)
MTWThF 10:30-11:20 *CMU 226

NEAR EASTERN COURSES IN ENGLISH
(for Information Call Near East Dept. - 543-6033)

ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION; NEAR E 210 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 5415) WHEELER
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH SISME 210 A (SLN: 6820)
T Th 11:30-1:50 *SMI 205
(see SISME 210 for Course Description)

PROPHETS ISLM/JUDSM; NEAR E 215 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 5416) WHEELER/NOEGEL
M W F 1:30-2:50 *PAR 108 ,

Explores prophecy and the lives of prophets within the wider context of the ancient Mediterranean world. We shall pay particular attention to the exegetical traditions concerning prophets that are based on the Bible and Quran, and we shall examine the stories of such figures as Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Gideon, Samuel, David, Elijah/Khidr, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, and Ezra. Also compared will be conceptions of prophecy and mysticism as they apply to oracles, seers, sufism, and notions of inspired and sacred texts.

SUPERVISED STUDY; NEAR E 490 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 5417) By Arrangement
ADD CODE REQUIRED; INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

SPECIAL STUDIES: KAZAKH-KIRGHIZ STUDIES; NEAR E 496 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 5418) CIRTAUTAS
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH NEAR E 596 (SLN: 5423)
ARRANGE

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

SPECIAL STUDIES: COMPARATIVE ISLAMIC STUDIES; NEAR E 496 B, 3 Cr, (SLN: 5419) WHEELER
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH C LIT 596 F (SLN: 1886)
W 3:30-6:20 *JHN 111

Seminar focuses on the relation of new communications technology, political change, and Islamic identities. Particular attention to how traditional modes of writing, and their transformation under the influence of new IT sources, has affected political stability and state formation in Yemen, Jordan, India, Malaysia, Pacific Rim, and Central Asia. Case studies include the role of the media in the Iranian Revolution and Gulf War, changing political identities in former Soviet Central Asian republics, and the portrayal of Islam in America. Class also includes guest lectures by several internationally renowned scholars of Islam. Open to graduates and advanced undergraduates in all disciplines.

SPEC STUD: LANGUAGE POLICY IN THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST; GOKDAYI
NEAR E 496 C, 3 Cr, (SLN: 5420)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH NEAR E 596 C (SLN: 5425) & SISME 490 E, 3 Cr, (SLN: 6825)
T Th 2:30-3:50 *DEN 211
(See SISME 490 E for course description)

SPEC STUD: POETRY & SOCIETY: THE ARABIC ODE IN COMPARATIVE CONTEXT STETKEVY
NEAR E 496 D, 5 Cr, (SLN: 5421)
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH RELIG 490 A (SLN: 6672)
T Th 3:30-5:20 *DEN 205

The Arabic ode (qasida) forms the backbone of a 1500-year Arabo-Islamic literary culture. This course will explore its transformations in light of readings in comparative literature, anthropology, religious studies and classics. Open to upper division and graduate students.
UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; NEAR E 499 A, Var Cr 1-6, (SLN: 5422) By Arrangement
ADD CODE REQUIRED
INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGE COURSES
(for Information Call Near East Dept. - 543-6033)

ARAB

ELEMENTARY ARABIC: ARAB 413 AA, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1260)
T Th 12:30-1:20 *DEN 216 YAQUB, N
M W F 12:30-1:20 *DEN 310 SOUA

Intensive study of grammar, with oral and written drill and reading of simple texts. Prerequisite: ARAB 412.

ELEMENTARY ARABIC: ARAB 413 AB, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1261)
T Th 12:30-1:20 *DEN 216 YAQUB, N
M W F 9:30-10:20 *DEN 217 SOUA

ELEMENTARY ARABIC: ARAB 413 AC, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1262)
ADD CODE REQUIRED
T Th 12:30-1:20 *DEN 216 YAQUB, N
M W F 12:30-1:20 *DEN 305 ELOS

INTERMED ARABIC; ARAB 423 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 1263) HIRSH, M
MTWThF 11:30-12:20 *DEN 314

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

ADVANCED ARABIC; ARAB 433 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 1264) YAQUB, N
T Th 10:30-12:20 *DEN 313

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 432 or equivalent. STORIES OF PROPHETS; ARAB 470 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 1265) WHEELER
OFFERED JOINTLY WITH HEBR 470 A (SLN: 3935)
M W F 9:30-10:20 *DEN 213

Reading and discussion of Jewish and Islamic exegesis of selected Biblical and Quranic narratives dealing with such figures as Moses, Abraham, Jacob, or Adam and Eve. Prerequisite: ARAB 432. SUPERVISED STUDY; ARAB 490 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 1266) By Arrangement
ADD CODE REQUIRED
HEBREW

ELEM BIBLICAL HEBREW; HEBR 333 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 3931) NOEGEL, S
HEBR 333 A ELEM BIBLICAL HEBRE
TTh 10:30-11:50 *DEN 212

This is the third in a three-quarter series of courses designed for students with no prior knowledge of Hebrew. We will continue to move inductively through select portions of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) acquiring elements of grammar and insights into the literary sophistication. Prerequisite: HEBR 332 or permission of instructor.

ELEM MODERN HEBREW; HEBR 413 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 3932) GANZARSK MTWTThF 9:30-10:20 *DEN 310

Modern Israeli Hebrew. Core vocabulary, grammar, conversational text, and oral and written communication. Excerpts from modern Hebrew prose and poetry. Prerequisite: HEBR 412 or equivalent.

ELEM MODERN HEBREW; HEBR 413 B, 5 Cr, (SLN: 3933) SHIHADE MTWTThF 1:30-2:20 *DEN 310

INTERMED MOD HEBREW; HEBR 423 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 3934) SOKOLOFF
MTWTThF 10:30-11:20 *DEN 213

Readings of selected texts in modern Hebrew and continuing emphasis on grammar and syntax. Prerequisite HEBR 422. STORIES OF PROPHETS; HEBR 470 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 3935) WHEELER

Offered jointly with ARAB 470 A (SLN: 1265)
MWF 9:30-10:20 *DEN 213
(See ARAB 470 A for course description)

SUPERVISED STUDY; HEBR 490 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 3936) By Arrangement
ADD CODE REQUIRED
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UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; HEBR 499 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 3937) By Arrangement
INDEPNDNT STDY/RSCH; HEBR 600 A, Var Cr: 1-10, (SLN: 3938) By Arrangement

INDEPNDNT STDY/RSCH; PRSAN 600 A, Var Cr: 1-10, (SLN: 6373) By Arrangement

**PERSIAN**

ELEMENTARY PERSIAN; PRSAN 413 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 6368) KARIMI

MTWThF 9:30-10:20 *DEN 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. Prerequisite: PRSAN 412 or equivalent. INTERMED PERSIAN; PRSAN 423 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 6369) KARIMI

MTWThF 10:30-11:20 *DEN 310

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 422 or equivalent.

CLASSIC PERSIAN LIT; PRSAN 453 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 6370) KARIMI PREREQUISITE: PRSAN 423 OR EQUIV

MF 1:30- 2:50 *DEN 213

History of Persian literature from Rudaki to Hafiz. Studies epic, lyric, and mystic traditions placed in historical settings. Covers the most important genres such as the Qasida, the Ghazal, the Ruba'i and the Masnavi. Prerequisite: PRSAN 423

SUPERVISED STUDY; PRSAN 490 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 6371) By Arrangement

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UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; PRSAN 499 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 6372) By Arrangement

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UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; PRSAN 499 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 6372) By Arrangement

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(GRADS ONLY)
**TURKIC**

**ELEMENTARY UZBEK;** TKIC 413 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7383) CIRTAUTAS  
By Arrangement

Introduction to the modern written and spoken languages. Prerequisite: TKIC 412 or equivalent. Cannot be taken for credit if 401 is taken. **INTERMEDIATE UZBEK;** TKIC 423 A, 3 Cr, (SLN: 7384) CIRTAUTAS  
By Arrangement

Continuation of elementary Uzbek Oral work, grammar, and readings in Uzbek literature. Prerequisite: TKIC 422.  
**SUPERVISED STUDY;** TKIC 490 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 7385) By Arrangement

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**UNDERGRAD RESEARCH;** TKIC 499 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 7386) By Arrangement

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**INDEPENDENT STUDY/RSCH;** TKIC 600 A, Var Cr: 1-10, (SLN: 7387) By Arrangement

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**TURKISH**

**ELEMENTARY TURKISH;** TKISH 413 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7388) GOKNAR  
MTWThF 1:30-2:20 *DEN 312

Introduction to modern Turkish. Pronunciation and conversation, grammar and composition, graded reading. Latin characters used throughout. Prerequisite: TKISH 412 or equivalent  
**INTERMEDIATE TURKISH;** TKISH 423 A, 5 Cr, (SLN: 7389) ARIK, K  
MTWThF 10:30-11:20 *DEN 205

Introduction to modern Turkish Literature. Prerequisite: TKISH 422 or equivalent.  
**SUPERVISED STUDY;** TKISH 490 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 7390) By Arrangement

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UNDERGRAD RESEARCH; TKISH 499 A, Var Cr: 1-6, (SLN: 7391) By Arrangement
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INSTRUCTOR I.D. DEN 229

INDEPENDNT STDY/RSC; TKISH 600 A, Var Cr: 1-10, (SLN: 7392) By Arrangement
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