

Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Department (Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi, Persian)

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Description

The Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies offers a wide range of courses on the languages, literatures, cultures, history, and archaeology of the region. A major in Middle Eastern and South Asian studies combines the study of one or more of the languages of the region with the cultural, literary, historical, archaeological, and religious aspects of the area. This major prepares students for careers in government service, international affairs, and graduate studies. Majors in Middle Eastern and South Asian studies may elect to concentrate in specific subareas of the Middle East, such as Judaic studies, Islamic studies, South Asian studies, or archaeology. The Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies also offers minors in Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi, Persian, and Mediterranean archaeology.

Concentrations

Majors are offered in the area(s) of: **Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies**. For details, see the Major page for each area. Minors are offered in the area(s) of: **Arabic; Hebrew; Hindi; Persian Language and Literature; Mediterranean Archaeology**. For details, see the Minor page for each area.

Faculty

Chair/Director: Vincent Cornell
Director of Undergraduate Studies: Roxani Margariti

Core Faculty

; Oded Borowski; Rkia Cornell; Vincent Cornell; Naama Harel; Benjamin Hary; Scott Kugle; Ruby Lal; Roxani Margariti; Gordon Newby; Robert Phillips; Hossein Samei; Devin Stewart; Ofra Yeglin

Courses

Core Subjects

This department offers courses in the following subject(s): **Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Asian Studies**. For a list of specific courses in each subject area, see the course descriptions page for that subject.

Programs

Honors Program

See "Honors Program" under the curriculum section of the catalog and consult the department for further details.

To receive honors in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, eligible students select an adviser from among the faculty of the department. The adviser should be chosen on the basis of his or her expertise in the topic to be examined in the thesis. During the senior year, honors students enroll in Middle Eastern Studies 495RWR in the fall and spring semesters. Honors students must complete an honors thesis and defend it in an oral hearing. In addition to the adviser, the committee of examiners will include one other faculty member of the department and one faculty member from outside the department.

Study Abroad

The Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Department sponsors two summer study abroad programs: Emory Experience in Israel and Archaeology. In addition, the department sponsors two Junior Semester Abroad Programs: one at the American University in Cairo and one at Tel Aviv University. These two programs are administered by CIPA (Center for International Programs Abroad at Emory). For further information on these programs contact the Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Department or CIPA. Majors in Middle Eastern Studies have also studied abroad at other CIPA approved programs, including the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.