MIDDLE EAST STUDIES
MAJOR

Few parts of our world are more in the news or more vital to the
ternational interests of the United States than the Middle East.
Business, mass media, law firms, governmental and non-governmental
bodies, philanthropic organizations, relief and aid agencies, human rights
groups, and graduate and professional schools are all eager to recruit
individuals well-versed in the complexities and intricacies of Middle
Eastern/North African culture, history, religion, civilization, economics,
and politics.

Fordham University is one of the few institutions of higher learning in the
United States that offers an interdisciplinary, intercampus, undergraduate
major in Middle Eastern studies. This program trains and equips students
to step into challenging positions related to Middle East affairs.

Requirements

All majors must complete a minimum of eight one-semester courses
composed of the following:

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>THEO 3711</td>
<td>Sacred Texts of the Middle East</td>
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<td>or THEO 3715</td>
<td>Classic Islamic Texts</td>
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<td>MEST 2000</td>
<td>Introduction to the Modern Middle East</td>
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<td>MEST 4001</td>
<td>Seminar: Middle East</td>
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Electives
Select five electives

Any course with the MEST subject code or the MEST attribute
code may fulfill this requirement.

Majors and minors are strongly advised to study a Middle Eastern
language. Modern standard Arabic is regularly offered in the college and
will satisfy the college's language proficiency requirement. If a student
has satisfied the language proficiency requirement through a non-Middle
Eastern language, as many as two courses in a Middle Eastern language
may be counted toward the eight-course requirement for the major and
six-course requirement for the minor.

Availability

The major in Middle East studies is available at Fordham College at Rose
Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham's School
of Professional and Continuing Studies may major in Middle East studies
only if they receive the approval of their advising dean and/or department,
and their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day
courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: The requirements above are in
addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: The requirements above are in
addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are
in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives
that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.