This interdisciplinary major draws courses from Anthropology, Classics, Economics, History, International Relations, Judaic Studies, Linguistics, Political Science, and Religion. It offers students interested in exploring the richness and complexity of the Middle East a framework for developing both expertise and wide-ranging critical perspectives on the region’s past, present, and future.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW**

**One Prerequisite Course**
- The Middle East

**Language Courses (proficiency up to one of the following)**
- Arabic IV
- Persian IV
- Hebrew IV

**Language Courses (proficiency up to one of the following)**
- Traveling Genres: An Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature
- International Relations of the Contemporary Middle East
- Popular Culture in the Middle East
- Middle East Political Economy
- Holy War and History: Jews, Christians, Muslims
- Culture and Society in Israel: Inventing the Dream
- Political Thought in the Middle East
- Thought and Life of Islam
- Women and the Islamic Tradition
- Cultural Heritage, Religion, and Politics in the Middle East

**EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Middle East Studies Program:** There are many ways for students to get involved with the Middle East Studies Program. Participate on USC’s Model Arab League team, join the Middle East Studies Student Association (MESSA), or work with a USC faculty member on their current research projects.

**Study Abroad:** Students are strongly encouraged to study in the Middle East in one of USC’s study abroad programs. Deepen your understanding of issues and improve your grasp of a foreign language by studying for a semester or year in Israel, Jordan, or Morocco.

**World-Class Speakers and Seminars:** USC’s location and the prominence of the Middle East Studies program mean students have access to noted politicians, authors, scholars, and businesspeople right here on campus. The Middle East Studies Program hosts numerous events throughout the year including our popular “Spotlight Series,” lectures, discussions, a film series, and social events.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or [https://dornsife.usc.edu/mesp/](https://dornsife.usc.edu/mesp/)