Department of Middle East Studies
Spring 2020 Course List

ARABIC

**ARAB 122: Arabic I**, 9:00-9:50am, MTWTh, with Prof. AlKhudair

**ARAB 152: Arabic II**, 12:00-12:50pm, MTWTh, with Prof. Wali

**ARAB 222: Arabic III**, 1:00-1:50pm, MTWTh, with Prof. Wali

**ARAB 252: Arabic IV**, 2:00-3:50pm, TTh, with Prof. Wali

**ARAB 333: Colloquial Arabic: Regional Dialects**, 11:00-11:50am, MTWTh, with Prof. AlKhudair

**ARAB 352: Advanced Arabic II**, 12:00-12:50pm, MTWTh, with Prof. AlKhudair

PERSIAN

**IRAN 150: Persian II**, 11:00-11:50am, MTWTh, with Prof. Nojoumian

**IRAN 250: Persian IV**, 12:00-12:50pm, MTWTh, with Prof. Nojoumian

**IRAN 325: Business Persian**, 2:00-3:50pm, TTh, with Prof. Nojoumian

MDES COURSES

**MDES 301: The Global Middle East** (GE-C), 9:30-10:50am, TTh, with Prof. Rouighi. This course explores the modern Middle East by focusing on the process of globalization.

**MDES 316: The Great Muslim Empires of the Near East and India** (GE-H), 12:30-1:50pm, TTh, with Prof. Khafipour. This course explores the social, political, and religious forces that helped shape the Ottoman, Safavid, and the Mughal empires, their intellectual trends, and cultural dynamism.

**MDES 325: Politics of Film and Literature in Modern Iran** (GE-B), 2:00-3:20pm, TTh, with Prof. Khafipour. This course explores contemporary Iranian society through the study of social tensions created by poverty-wealth, tradition-modernity, masculinity-femininity, and notions of religio-political authority as reflected in the literature and films of the country.

**MDES 401: Environment and Politics in the Middle East**, 11:00-11:50am, MWF, with Prof. Kurtic. Introduction to key environmental and political challenges facing the contemporary Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

OTHER COURSES COUNTING TOWARD MDES DEGREES

**HEBR 315: Modern Hebrew Language (Hebrew IV)**, 11:00-12:20pm, TTh, with Prof. Arieli-Chai

**IR 362: The International Relations of the Contemporary Middle East**, 3:30-6:20pm, Th, with Prof. Hammad

**JS 314: Holy War and History: Jews, Christians, Muslims** (GE-B and Ge-H), 2:00-3:20pm, MW, with Prof. Firestone