

Critical Middle East /South West Asia and North Africa Studies Certificate of Accomplishment - Active

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Effective Semester: Fall 2015

The Critical Middle East Studies Certificate of Accomplishment introduces students to an analysis of the history, politics, society, culture and religions of the Middle East I South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) with attention to major events in the region and their representations and impacts across the Diaspora, especially in the United States. The program integrates area studies, ethnic studies, gender studies, and interdisciplinary methodologies. The required courses are University of California and California State University transferable and collectively meet graduation area requirements in D-Social Sciences, E-Humanities, and H1-Diversity.

The program appeals to diverse students, including international students, who plan careers in many areas in the Humanities and Social Sciences with an emphasis in the Middle East I SWANA such as Religious Studies, International Relations, International Law, Global Studies, Political Science, Ethnic Studies, History, Language and Literature. The program primarily serves students who are transferring to a four-year university and additionally serves as professional development for employers, community-based organizations and social and government agencies.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Describe the major religions of the Middle East I SWANA with an emphasis on the role of Islam in ideology and culture
- Compare and contrast the political systems of the Middle East I SWANA within the historical and social context of empires, colonialism, independence, authoritarian states, Islamism, secularism and revolutions
- Examine social and cultural expressions through architecture, arts, dance, film, language, literature, music and poetry within Middle Eastern I SWANA societies and Diaspora communities in the U.S. and globally
- Analyze the relationship of diverse minorities, including women, in relation to the state and society in the Middle East I SWANA and within Diaspora communities in the U.S. and globally
- Evaluate and challenge assumptions and stereotypes of anti-Semitic and anti-Arab discrimination, Islamophobia and all forms of oppression

Admission: The Critical Middle East Studies Certificate is open to any student enrolled at the City College of San Francisco.

Requirements for the Certificate of Accomplishment: The certificate requires completion of a series of courses. Each course must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher, or a pass. The series can be completed in one to two semesters.

Credit towards graduation: Credit earned to obtain the certificate satisfies areas D, E, H1.

Credit towards other certificates: In addition to counting towards the Critical Middle East Studies Certificate, courses in the series fulfill requirements for the Diversity and Social Justice Certificate and the Political Science and Women's Studies majors.

The minimum time for completion of this certificate is 2 semesters. Completion time will vary based on student preparation and number of classes completed per semester.

Courses Required for the Certificate of Accomplishment in Critical Middle East /South West Asia and North Africa Studies

Course	Units
Core courses:	

IDST 29 - Introduction to Islam	3.00
POLS 45 - Governments and Politics of Middle East	3.00
IDST 30 - Demystifying the Middle East	3.00
IDST 31 - Women in the Middle East	3.00
IDST 81B - Diversity and Social Justice: Anti-Semitism/Anti-Arabism	1.00
Total:	13.00
Choose 3 units from the following courses:	
ART 104 - Asian Art History	3.00
ARCH 31A - History of Architecture	3.00
ARCH 31B - History of Architecture	3.00
BCST 104 - Race and Media	3.00
ECON 6 - International Economics	3.00
ENGL 44A - Survey of World Literature, Part 1: Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern	3.00
ENGL 44B - Survey of World Literature, Part II: Early Modern to the Present	3.00
GEOG 4 - Cultural Geography	3.00
HIST 48 - African History	3.00
HUM 7 - Comparative Religions	3.00
HUM 8 - Philosophies of Religion	3.00
IDST 4 - Ways of Faith	3.00
IDST 14 - American Cultures in Literature and Film	3.00
IDST 36 - Poetry for the People	3.00
IDST 37 - Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3.00
IDST 80A - Diversity and Social Justice: Racism	0.50
IDST 80C - Diversity and Social Justice: Sexism	0.50
IDST 80D - Diversity and Social Justice: Heterosexism	0.50
IDST 80E - Diversity and Social Justice: Ableism	0.50
IDST 80F - Diversity and Social Justice: Class and Classism	0.50
IDST 80G - Diversity and Social Justice: Transphobia	0.50
LGBT 55 - Contemporary Global LGBT Art and Culture	3.00
MUS 41 - African Drumming Ensemble	3.00
POLS 2 - Comparative Government	3.00
POLS 5 - International Relations	3.00
WOMN 20 - Her/His/Ourstories	3.00
WOMN 25 - Introduction to Women's Studies: Feminism Demystified	3.00
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